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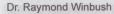


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Businessman Willie Wilson



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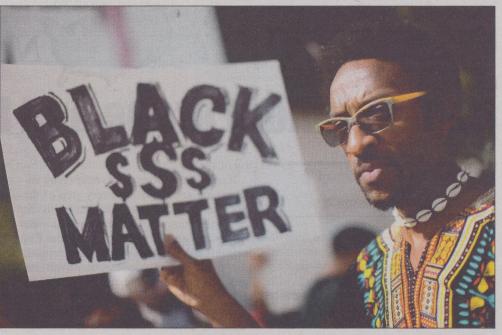
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Retailers with high hopes for Black Friday spending have offered deals earlier this year to help spike holiday sales. But activists have kicked in with Black Friday boycotts and "buycotts" just as early this year.

In the run-up to the 20th Anniversary of the Million Man March, Justice Or Else! in Washington, D.C., Nation of Islam Minister Louis Farrakhan called for Blacks to pull their money from the U.S. economy by not spending money during the holiday shopping season.

Minister Farrakhan quoted Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., often in the run-up to the 2015 gathering in the nation's capital saying, "We have to find

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a way to redistribute the pain."

"We have to now withdraw our economic support, so that those who give us pain can receive some pain in return," Minister Farrakhan added.

He was inspired by Dr. King, Jr.'s desire for a 1963 Christmas boycott after the White supremacist bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, Ala., that killed four little Black girls.

And, in his final speech in Memphis on April 3, 1968, Dr. King talked about using Black economics in the fight for justice. He was assassinated the next day.



Protestors in downtown Chicago's Magnificent Mile shopping district gathered in 2016 during Black Friday to call attention to police misconduct. Photo: Haroon Rajaee

"We don't have to argue with anybody. We don't have to curse and go around acting bad with our words. We don't need any bricks and bottles," said Dr. King in some of his last words. "We don't need any Molotov cocktails. We just need to go around to these stores, and to these massive industries in our country, and say, 'God sent us by here, to say to you that you're not treating his children right. And we've come by here to ask you to make the first item on your agenda fair treatment, where

God's children are concerned. Now, if you are not prepared to do that, we do have an agenda that we must follow. And our agenda calls for withdrawing economic support from you.'

"And so, as a result of this, we are asking you tonight, to go out and tell your neighbors not to buy Coca-Cola in Memphis. Go by and tell them not to buy—what is the other bread? Wonder Bread. And what is the other bread company, Jesse? Tell them not to buy

Hart's bread. As Jesse Jackson has said, up to now, only the garbage men have been feeling pain; now we must kind of redistribute the pain. . . .

"But not only that, we've got to strengthen Black institutions. I call upon you to take your money out of the banks downtown and deposit your money in Tri-State Bank. We want a 'bank-in' movement in Memphis. Go by the savings and loan association....

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Impeachment probe and D.C.s' political stalemate

by Askia Muhammad Senior Editor

WASHINGTON—After more than 45 hours of bombshell public testimony from more than a dozen witnesses—ranking military and diplomatic personnel with hundreds of years of combined service among them-the public phase of the impeachment inquiry into President Donald J. Trump came to an end in mid-November. The House Intelligence Committee's impeachment inquiry investigating heard that the president committed "improper" and "unusual" acts, in order to pressure the government of Ukraine to announce an investigation into his domestic political rival Joe Biden.

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Republicans are trying to hold on by undermining and opposing every step of the process. "My takeaway was that (with the public testimony of Gordon Sondland, the Trump-appointed Ambassador to the European Union) a bombshell was dropped, that there is direct connection with the quid pro quo; and that the conservatives and Republicans are trying to undermine the process" Gloria Browne-Marshall, professor of Constitutional Law at John Jay College of Law in New York City, said in an interview.

"The Republicans are making it appear as though without the testimony of (certain GOP chosen) witnesses, this is not a real legitimate hearing. All this is making it into a circus atmosphere. And I'm concerned that as the Republicans (are using) Trump and making him out to be a victim, just doing what all presidents do and following some policy. I think that's making the practice

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the many, many crimes against the people that this administration has committed.

"It came out, just in the last week. Stephen Miller's open White supremacist, emails, and all of this now shaping immigration policy, and the concentration camps at the border, and the ending of asylum, and the Muslim ban, and all of this, has become even more revealed, (but) we're not talking about that," she said.

What is being talked about is the testimony of Ambassador Gordon Sondland, a \$1 million Trump inauguration contributor who had the portfolio of the European

Union. He testified that "everyone was in the loop," including the White House and State Department, concerning Mr. Trump's efforts to secure an announcement of an investigation of Mr. Trump's rival and former Vice President Joe Biden and his son Hunter, and their business dealings in Ukraine.

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The infamous Watergate tapes weren't released until more than a year after Mr. Dean's June 1973 testimony. The "smoking gun" tape—a 1972 conversation in which the president spoke with his chief of staff about trying to stop the FBI from investigating the Watergate break-in—was made public on Aug. 5, 1974. Mr. Nixon announced his resignation three days later as Republican lawmakers abandoned him in wake of the mounting revelations.

It is unlikely that Mr. Trump will resign, or that Republicans will abandon him. "I

think it's very interesting for the Republicans trying to build up the defense of the president, stitching together this accusation where they want to talk about almost anything but the evidence and they want to say the Democrats and the deep state have been after Trump since day one," Prof. Browne-Mar-

shall said. But Committee Chairman Schiff called the testimony of ambassador Sondland, "among the most significant evidence to date" in the ongoing impeachment inquiry.

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In fact, Republicans in the House remain opposed to impeachment. Some condemn the investigation process itself, while others insist the witnesses who have testified are simply disgruntled employees who disagree with their boss's (the president's) lawful authority to conduct foreign policy.

"You know, it's important to remind ourselves that this is the impeachment of the president of the United States," Sunsara Taylor, a political analyst at WBAI-FM New York, told this writer in a hearing analysis on WPFW-FM Washington. "This is a momentous and historic, whether it's a snooze fest, whether it's gripping, whatever it is, this is not typical and it's happening at a time that is extraordinary: extraordinary divisions and open fighting at the

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"There's reproductive rights on the chopping block. There (are) Christian fascists packed into the courts at every level, including the Supreme court there are Christian fascists determining our mental policy and put in charge of scientific institutions so that they're preaching from the offices of the state. These people are packed throughout.

"It seems what Trump has done is to use international foreign policy for his own personal political gain," Ms. Taylor continued. "But not being discussed anywhere in these impeachment hearings are camps at the border, and the ending of asylum, and the Muslim ban, and all of this, has become even more revealed, (but) we're not talking about that," she said.

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John Dean, the White House counsel to President Richard Nixon, who was once dubbed the "master manipulator" of the Watergate scandal, said Mr.

Trump had a rough day during the impeachment hearing. "What struck me today in listening to these two witnesses is they already have more than they had against Richard Nixon to impeach him," Dean said on CNN Nov. 20. "Just on all accounts because the evidence is there."

Mr. Dean, who ultimately turned on Mr. Nixon and cooperated with prosecutors, said that the kind of evidence revealed so far against Mr. Trump, didn't come out until much later in the Watergate proceedings. Early on, he said, "it was my testimony, a few people that were lower in the pecking order than me, and it happened

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There is at least one grassroots movement, which threatens direct action in the streets to ensure a

House vote in favor of impeachment.

"So the evening before the full House impeachment vote, which probably will take place sometime in the mid-December, all around the country, we are going to take the streets to say nobody is above the law," Jonah Minkoff-Zern, co-director of Public Citizen's Democracy for the People Campaign said in an interview.

"We are going with hundreds of thousands of us around the country to really help shape history by showing that there is strong popular support to impeach and remove a president who thinks it's okay to use military aid, to pressure a foreign government to interfere in our elections."



E.U. Ambassador Gordor Sondland testifies or Impeachment Hearing. Photo: MGN Online

Ally or Adversary? Democrats, Black folks and the latest presidential debate

by Barrington M. Salmon
Contributing Writer

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"The debate forum should focus on criminal justice and social reform issues, voting rights, domestic issues, economic justice, the attacks on Black people and things affecting people in their everyday life," she explained.

But that hasn't happened, said activist and organizer Zakiya



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"The Executive Branch has failed us, the Legislative Branch has failed us and we're about to get our ass kicked by the courts which Trump has been packing. That's why we have to build our own party." For Black people, voting and voting for the Democrats is harm reduction, said Ms. Sankara-Jabar.

"It's a strategy, but it will never get us where we need to be," she said. "People are suffering, dying, not having their basic needs met. It's worse now than in the '90s economy. When White folks catch a cold, we catch pneumonia. We need to stop bleeding then deal with the underlying trauma."

Kristal L. High Taylor, a Millennial activist, lawyer, policy advocate and entrepreneur, said there is a tension between Black people and the Democratic Party, an interesting dichotomy, she said, where party officials have never addressed "a full and complete reckoning of the issues."

"More broadly I would say that the system works if the goal is to keep in power the vested interests who have always controlled the country—wealthy White men," the Raleigh, North Carolina resident said. "The party mechanism has to change, and a new definition of the party process has to be made clear."

That means replacing the current system of "retail politics" with one that accommodates people who are diverse, commit-



President Donald J. Trump speaking at a "Make America Great Again" rally at Landers Center in Southaven, Mississippi, Oct. 2, 2018. Democrats are waiting for a clear-cut challenger to emerge from the field of candidates. Photo: MGN Online

ted, have fresh ideas and a solid work ethic, she said. It is also critically important to reform the campaign finance structure so that people other than the very wealthy or those tied to wealthy donors have a chance to run for office and win.

"Given the demographic

shifts and the people who vote for them, you'd think Democrats would focus on this but that's the 'challenge,'" Mrs. Taylor said. "There's a tension between engagement and where you're seeking strategic counsel. How are Democratic leaders leverag-

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Settling differences as Allah brings us into unity

In the Name of Allah, the Beneficent, the Merciful.

(Mustapha Farrakhan, student Supreme Captain of the Nation of Islam and son of the Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan. was among Muslims recently honored by the Abdul-Majid Karim Hasan Islamic Center in New Haven, Conn. It was a beautiful evening and below are edited remarks delivered by Brother Mustapha during the banquet and celebration.)

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To the family of our dear Imam Abdul Majid Karim Hasan, I would like to extend my deepest and sincere condolences. Allah is the only life-giver. Nobody has the power to give life but Allah. So, when He creates us in the womb, He has in Mind a purpose for our lives. The Qur'an says, "Whatever is in the heavens and whatever is in the earth glorifies Allah. His is the kingdom, and His the praise; and He is Possessor of power over all things. He it is Who created you, but one of you is a disbeliever and one of you is a believer. And Allah is Seer of what you do."

And in another ayat (verse), He says, "and the believer becomes predominant."

That's very big.

In your life and mine, we are subjected to forces friendly forces and negative forces. But forces cause us to see either the reason to believe or give us a reason in our own mind to justify unbelief. The unbe-

takes another path. These two paths are not congruent. So, the Qur'an says, "So set your face for religion, being upright, the nature made by Allah in which He has created men. There is no altering Allah's creation. That is the right religion—but most people know not."

The Holy Qur'an says in another ayat (or verse): "Then set thyself, being upright, to the right religion before there come from Allah the day which cannot be averted."

What is it that cannot be averted? The Judgement. "And on that day, they shall be separated." So, here we are. We've come through so many different circumstances that have revealed us to ourselves as well as to others. We thank Allah for the believer, who believes in Allah, and is a doer of good, and "enjoins us to Truth and enjoins us to Patience."

Imam Yusuf Ibn Shah. My father, Louis Farrakhan, praises Yusuf Shah as the man that put him on the

(Mustapha Farrakhan, student Supreme Captain of the Nation of Islam and son of the Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan, was among Muslims recently honored by the Abdul-Majid Karim Hasan Islamic Center in New Haven, Conn. It was a beautiful evening and below are edited remarks delivered by Brother Mustapha during the banquet and celebration.)

road to becoming a man by making him a soldier in the Cause of Allah. So, it is natural when I see Yusuf Shah's son, my brother Yusuf Ibn Shah, becoming Imam and wanting to guide a community in the path of God. Such a noble mission, such a noble intent needs the help and guidance of Allah—and the help and guidance of the community.

As a community, the Nation of Islam, the World Community of Al Islam, followers of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad and the followers of Imam W.D. Mohammed, each of us, in the paths that we have chosen, have learned much by our experience that either strengthened our faith or caused us to question things about our faith. The Qur'an says, they did not become divided until after knowledge came to them, splitting up their religion into sects and parties due to envy.

So, love didn't cause us to split. But envy did. I was a student of the brother who is the father of Love that we once had waxed cold, and we became divided—each party going its way; each party think-

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Marvin McKenstry, pastor at Morning Star Baptist Church, has employed over 60 individuals since the start of the Monday community walks that men of the organizations have participated in. His passion for youth and community is evident in his relationship with them. Pastor McKenstry met Student Minister Carlos Muhammad and Student Captain Andrew Muhammad on April 27, 2015 during the Baltimore uprising in response to the death of Freddie Gray who died from injuries he sustained in police custody. They worked together to secure peace and unity during the uprising. Through their



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"The violence in the community led us to unite with the Christian community and I personally studied what the Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan did building up to the Million Man March," said Student Capt. Andrew Muhammad. He shared how the 10.10.15 "Justice or Else" movement was the "blueprint that influenced our

community engagement" in Baltimore. The Monday community engagement walks have benefitted Baltimore, he explained.

"Baltimore has benefitted tremendously in many ways you see, and you don't see. But we have partnered with many organizations including the Mayor's Office of African American Male Engagement or MOAMME," said Student Capt. Andrew Muhammad. He shares the sentiment of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad that unity will allow "us to fix the ills of our communities because we're so divided." Unity allows us to be in a space where we come together with the process of atonement, explained Student Capt. Andrew Muhammad.

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What started off as a vision has grown each Monday and consistently brings new men and youth from throughout the city. Baltimore may have its struggles, but the work of Muhammad Mosque No. 6, the Mayor's Office of African American Male Engagement, Safe Streets, Christian groups and organizations is helping to slowly turn the tide. The work will continue but the mission is not over until Baltimore is the greatest and most loving city in the world as it affectionately is known as "Charm City."

Every week, "Charm City" shows love and the people thank the men in the streets and even share tears of joy and promise. Baltimore stands strong and is united in faith and love.

Clashes continue between protestors and security forces

by Brian E. Muhammad Staff Writer

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Changes have been rapid since the coup d'état that overthrew the Pluranational State of Bolivia led by Evo Morales in early November. Racial, social and political dynamics have been altered in the country of nearly 12 million people by what many see as a self-appointed interim government.

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"I don't think it will be so easy to put the people back to sleep," said Mr. Muhammad.

Meanwhile, the transitional government and the Congress in the South American nation has not set a date for new elections which the constitution demands to be held within three months. Mr. Morales's party has a two-third majority in Congress, however Mr. Morales, exiled in Mexico is being barred from running in the new election.

In a war of words and threats widely seen as pandering to the United States desire for right-wing and oligarch control of Bolivia,

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The interim government filed a criminal complaint on Nov. 22 against Mr. Evo Morales for alleged sedition and terrorism, said the country's interior minister, according to Reuter's.

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Although the current government is interim, swift changes have taken place on the foreign policy front in Bolivia which overturned progressive alliances in the region. Besides remarginalizing the indigenous population domestically who make up a sizeable majority, internationally the interim leader—representing a right-wing power elite—broke diplomatic relations with Venezuela and President Nicolas Maduro and expressed full recognition of the U.S.-backed opposition leader Juan Guaidó.

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"What is not being calculated here is that the people have now tasted true freedom," said Abel Muhammad, student National Latino Representative of the Nation of Islam.

He explained that the indigenous people were marginalized before the near 14-year presidency of Evo Morales, the first indigenous leader of the country. Nobody thought there could be leaders in power who cared about the people. However, in leaders like Mr. Morales, the late Fidel Castro of Cuba and Hugo Chavez of Venezuela—though their governments were not flawless—the people

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"We return victorious. We do not feel defeated. We come with our heads held high, with our mission accomplished," Dr. Nirza García Valdés, a general surgery specialist, who worked in the Bolivian department of Santa Cruz told Cuba's Gramma news agency. "No coup, no regime that may take charge of Bolivia's fate, can erase our impact," he declared.

The medical professionals expressed solidarity with the Bolivian people struggling for dignity, respect for identity and justice. Now there is a need for the world to turn its sights on Bolivia, say observers, to see the violence of a U.S.-backed leadership.

"It's of great importance that the world community and media in particular ... are there to document and show the world what is happening," said Mr. Muhammad.



Anti-government demonstrators chant during a funeral procession for people killed in clashes between supporters of former President Evo Morales and security forces, in La Paz, Bolivia, Nov. 21. At least several people were killed when security forces cleared a blockade of a fuel plant by Morales's backers in the city of El Alto. Photo: AP/Wide World Photos

Former African Union ambassador to speak in Philadelphia

Africa Watch

by Jehron Muhammad

Ambassador Arikana Chihombori-Quao, who was wrongfully dismissed by the African Union without cause in October and who has been touring the length and breadth of the U.S. shedding much light on France and other European powers continued colonial practices on the continent of Africa, will make her first public appearance in Philadelphia.

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Dr. Tahiya McCoy Nyahuma, who received her Ph.D. from University of Ghana-Legon and is a founder of Global Africans, a research, education and training institute, told Africa Watch, "Dr. Chihombori-Quao's mandate was always to promote Africa in the Americas and to mobilize the African Diaspora." She said, "The African diaspora is defined as all people of African descent living outside of Africa."

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Many believe Dr. Chihombori-Quao was forced out of her position as AU permanent ambassador to the U.S. to please European powers, France in particular, because of her outspoken stance on continued neo-colonial control of Africa by European powers. A petition in support of her position against neocolonialism has garnered

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A news story in the Daily Nation was headlined: "AU fights to justify firing envoy to Washington." The African Union has been accused by women employees of sexism and job discrimination and has sought to



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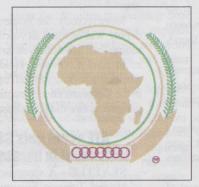
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A spokesperson of African Union Commission Chairperson Moussa Faki Mahamat, speaking after the firing of Ambassador Chihombori-Quao and seemingly trying to justify it, said an audit team discovered "a series of activities that indicated Dr. Chihombori-Quao abused her powers by registering entities, raising funds and endorsing diplomatic status of officials not working for the AU."

No hearing by the AU Commission Chairperson's office has been scheduled to allow the ambassador to properly respond to the allegations. The firing of the ambassador proceeded the audit by a month or more.

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Judging by reaction to a petition in her defense, people of African descent the world over are appalled by Dr. Chihombori-Quao's unjust dismissal. "Instead of dismantling her movement to liberate the people of African descent from colonialism and pursue financial freedom, her dismissal has galvanized the African diaspora in the spirit of UBUNTU—I am because you are!" declares the petition.

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Police: White teen girl aimed to attack Black Georgia church

ATLANTA—A White 16-year-old girl is accused of plotting to attack a mostly Black church in a north Georgia city, where police say she planned to kill worshippers because of their race.

Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church has a predominantly Black congregation, Gainesville Police Chief Jay Parrish said in a statement, Nov. 19.

"Our investigation indicated the church was targeted by the juvenile based on the racial demographic of the church members," he said.

Students, school administrators and law officers worked together to thwart a "potentially horrific incident," he added.

The plot came to light when Gainesville High School students told administrators the 16 year old had a notebook with detailed plans to kill worshippers at the church, Chief Parrish said.

"It just grieves my spirit on a number of different levels, one that the intentions of this young person were so calculated to do great harm against people who just simply had no knowledge of such a plot," said Rev. Rose Johnson Mackey, director of the Newtown Florist Club, a civil rights organization founded in Gainesville 70 years ago.

The girl is charged with criminal attempt to commit murder, the police chief said. She's being held in a youth detention center in Gainesville.

Specific details of the alleged plot haven't been released, but Chief Parrish said it came to light Nov. 15 when school administrators contacted police.

Gainesville is about 50 miles northeast of Atlanta. It's a city of just over 40,000 people,



about 17 percent of whom are Black. The alleged plot comes amid a long history of Black churches being bombed, burned and shot up across the South, hate crimes that continue today.

White supremacist Dylann Roof fatally shot nine Black church members during their Bible study lesson at Emanuel AME Church in Charleston, South Carolina, during the summer of 2015. Roof later told FBI agents he had hoped the killings would perhaps start a race war.

More recently, the White son of a sheriff's deputy was arrested in April and accused of setting fires that destroyed three Black churches in rural Louisiana. Holden Matthews is awaiting trial on arson and hate crimes charges in the Louisiana church burnings. In the Georgia case, police did not release the girl's name.

ATF agent gets \$450,000 settlement in harassment case

SEATTLE—A supervisor for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives in Seattle is receiving a \$450,000 settlement

after complaining of racial harassment from another supervisor who has a Nazi tattoo.

The Seattle Times reports that Cheryl Bishop, a senior supervisory agent, who is Black, complained of emails sent by Bradley Devlin, the bureau's resident agent in charge in Eugene, Oregon, mocking Black people.

Mr. Devlin has a "German Eagle SS Lightning bolt" tattoo he says he got while infiltrating a White supremacist biker gang in Ohio, an investigation that led to several arrests. Court documents say he declined to get the tattoo removed though the agency agreed to pay for it.

Ms. Bishop sued the ATF in 2018, saying that after she filed a discrimination complaint against Mr. Devlin, the agency scuttled her appointment to work at headquarters.

Three Black colleges get \$1M apiece for faculty development

ATLANTA—Three historically Black colleges are each getting \$1 million grants to aid faculty development. Atlanta's all-male Morehouse College is getting \$1 million from the Carnegie Corp. of New York, while neigh-

boring all-female Spelman College is getting \$500,000 from Carnegie and \$500,000 from the Rockefeller Foundation. Prairie View A&M University in Texas is getting \$1 million from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation.

The schools say they face increasing competition for teachers from other universities.

Spelman says it will develop new curriculum areas, provide research grants and help young faculty complete scholarly and creative works.

Morehouse says it will provide start-up funding for new professors, reduce teaching loads and provide research money.

Prairie View says it will identify better ways to recruit and retain faculty and create a center to track scholarly output.

Maryland auditors 'hindered' in medical board report

ANNAPOLIS, Md.—An auditor for the state of Maryland says his office has been "hindered" repeatedly in an audit of the University of Maryland Medical System, which has been rocked by scandal and resignations of board members.

Maryland Legislative Auditor Gregory Hook has asked state lawmakers for an extension of a December deadline to report. Legislative leaders granted the extension to March 13.

Mr. Hook wrote in a letter late October that the system has failed to make employees available to provide information on a timely basis.

He says auditors identified transactions related either directly or indirectly to various past and present members of the board.

The scandal involving contracts awarded to board members this year led to the resignations of top board leaders, as well as former Baltimore Mayor Catherine Pugh.

(Compiled from Associated Press reports.)

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horrific incident," he added.

The plot came to light when Gainesville High School students told administrators the 16 year old had a notebook with detailed plans to kill worshippers at the church, Chief Parrish said.

"It just grieves my spirit on a number of different levels, one that the intentions of this young person were so calculated to do great harm against people who just simply had no knowledge of such a plot," said Rev. Rose Johnson Mackey, director of the Newtown Florist Club, a civil rights organization founded in Gainesville 70 years ago.

The girl is charged with criminal attempt to commit murder, the police chief said. She's being held in a youth detention center in Gainesville.

Specific details of the alleged plot haven't been released, but Chief Parrish said it came to light Nov. 15 when school administrators contacted police.

Gainesville is about 50 miles northeast of Atlanta. It's a city of just over 40,000 people,

leged plot comes amid a long history of Black churches being bombed, burned and shot up across the South, hate crimes that continue to-day.

White supremacist Dylann Roof fatally shot nine Black church members during their Bible study lesson at Emanuel AME Church in Charleston, South Carolina, during the summer of 2015. Roof later told FBI agents he had hoped the killings would perhaps start a race war.

More recently, the White son of a sheriff's deputy was arrested in April and accused of setting fires that destroyed three Black churches in rural Louisiana. Holden Matthews is awaiting trial on arson and hate crimes charges in the Louisiana church burnings. In the Georgia case, police did not release the girl's name.

ATF agent gets \$450,000 settlement in harassment case

SEATTLE—A supervisor for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives in Seattle is receiving a \$450,000 settlement

after complaining of racial harassment from another supervisor who has a Nazi tattoo.

The Seattle Times reports that Cheryl Bishop, a senior supervisory agent, who is Black, complained of emails sent by Bradley Devlin, the bureau's resident agent in charge in Eugene, Oregon, mocking Black people.

Mr. Devlin has a "German Eagle SS Lightning bolt" tattoo he says he got while infiltrating a White supremacist biker gang in Ohio, an investigation that led to several arrests. Court documents say he declined to get the tattoo removed though the agency agreed to pay for it.

Ms. Bishop sued the ATF in 2018, saying that after she filed a discrimination complaint against Mr. Devlin, the agency scuttled her appointment to work at headquarters.

Three Black colleges get \$1M apiece for faculty development

ATLANTA—Three historically Black colleges are each getting \$1 million grants to aid faculty development. Atlanta's all-male Morehouse College is getting \$1 million from the Carnegie Corp. of New York, while neigh-

Maryland auditors 'hindered' in medical board report

ANNAPOLIS, Md.—An auditor for the state of Maryland says his office has been "hindered" repeatedly in an audit of the University of Maryland Medical System, which has been rocked by scandal and resignations of board members.

Maryland Legislative Auditor Gregory Hook has asked state lawmakers for an extension of a December deadline to report. Legislative leaders granted the extension to March 13.

Mr. Hook wrote in a letter late October that the system has failed to make employees available to provide information on a timely basis.

He says auditors identified transactions related either directly or indirectly to various past and present members of the board.

The scandal involving contracts awarded to board members this year led to the resignations of top board leaders, as well as former Baltimore Mayor Catherine Pugh.

(Compiled from Associated Press reports.)

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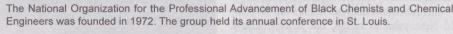
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Many of the participants expressed high enthusiasm and praises for the great work of the 47-year-old organization. The group was founded in 1972 and has held true to their mission to build an highly skilled cadre of people of color in science and technology. The exhibit hall was packed with attendees sharing their years of research and discoveries of what could be the next shift in STEM. There were workshops and breakout sessions

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Ashley Johnson, a student at the University of Southern Mississippi majoring in organic chemistry, shared her heartfelt thoughts about the conference. "I read about NOBCChE a

few times and I'm about to graduate so I wanted to attend and present my research. Having been to other similar symposiums, I think this is the greatest display of participants who've been where we are and they want to put us out into the marketplace," she explained.

"Oftentimes at other conferences the companies are there trying to sell their products. But here they are actually interested in recruiting you and I think that is amazing," she added. "They show you how to get started and give you the necessary tools and whatever workshops you need. Lots of students don't get that from their advisors so it's amazing to be able to come here and have people who

are willing to help you to go above and beyond to make sure that you succeed," said Ms. Johnson.

Throughout history Black people have contributed as great builders and inventors, but in some cases those contributions have been

claimed or outright highjacked by others. Lewis Howard Latimer was a Black inventor and patent draftsman for the lightbulb and telephone, not Benjamin Franklin or Thomas Edison. Otis Frank Boykin was an inventor and engineer. Mr. Boykin patented 28 electronic devices. One of his notable inventions included a variable resistor used in guided missiles. His most famous invention was a control unit for the artificial cardiac pacemak-

Dr. Victor McCrary is former president of the National Organization for the Professional Advancement of Black Chemists and Chemical Engineers. He is a National Science Board member, and vice-president for research at the University of the District of Columbia. Dr. McCrary was one of many speakers at this year's conference. He outlined hard facts about the need for organizations like the National Organization for the Professional Advancement of Black Chemists and Chemical Engineers to be an active source for those who are aspiring to become experts in their field.

"It's 2019 and there are still opportunities for students of color in science and technology. Right now, our national statistics show that only about four percent of Blacks are participating in science and engineering disciplines as opposed to our population of about 12-14 percent. So, there's room to grow," said Dr. McCrary.

"Conferences like NOBCChE expose,

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Israel's Netanyahu indicted on corruption charges

JERUSALEM—Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu was indicted Nov. 21 in a series of corruption cases, throwing Israel's paralyzed political system into further disarray and threatening his 10-year grip on power. He rejected calls to resign, angrily accusing prosecutors of staging "an attempted coup."

The first-ever charges against a sitting Israeli prime minister capped a three-year investigation, with Attorney General Avichai Mandelblit indicting Mr. Netanyahu for fraud, breach of trust and accepting bribes.

"A day in which the attorney general decides to serve an indictment against a seated prime minister for serious crimes of corrupt governance is a heavy and sad day, for the Israeli public and for me personally," Mr. Mandelblit, who was appointed by Mr. Netanyahu, told reporters.

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Mr. Netanyahu is desperate to remain in office to fight the charges. Under Israeli law, public officials are required to resign if charged with a crime. But that law does not apply to the prime minister, who can use his office as a bully pulpit against prosecutors and try to push parliament to grant him immunity from prosecution.

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Several dozen supporters and opponents of Mr. Netanyahu staged rival demonstrations outside the prime minister's official residence the night of Nov. 21. Police kept the groups apart and there were no reports of violence.

Mr. Mandelblit rejected accusations that his decision was politically motivated and said he had acted solely out of professional considerations. He criticized the often-heated pressure campaigns by Mr. Netanyahu's supporters and foes to sway his decision, which came after months of deliberations. Both sides had staged demonstrations outside or near his home.

"This is not a matter of politics," he said.
"This is an obligation placed on us, the people of law enforcement, and upon me personally as the one at its head."



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After Mr. Gantz's deadline expired at midnight, the country on Nov. 21 entered an unprecedented 21-day period in which any member of parliament can try to rally a 61-member majority to become prime minister.

If that fails, new elections would be triggered, setting the stage for a three-month campaign followed by weeks or months of post-election negotiations and horse trading.

The only apparent way out of the crisis would be a unity government between the two parties, which together control a parliamentary majority. But after the Nov. 21 indictment, that possibility appeared even more remote.

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The relationship, it said, was "based on a mutual understanding that each of them had significant interests that the other side had the ability to advance." It also accused Netanyahu of concealing the relationship by providing "partial and misleading information" about his connections with Mr. Elovitch.

Two close aides to Netanyahu testified against him in the case. The indictment also described billionaires Arnon Milchan and James Packer as a "supply channel" of champagne and cigars for Netanyahu. It estimated the value of the gifts at roughly \$200,000.

It said Mr. Netanyahu assisted the Israeli Milchan, a Hollywood mogul, in extending his U.S. visa. It was not immediately clear what, if anything, Packer, who is Australian, received in return.

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If elections are held, opinion polls are already predicting a very similar deadlock, with Likud and Blue and White both unable to secure a parliamentary majority.

That could now change. A poll carried out last month by the Israel Democracy Institute, a nonpartisan think tank, found that 65 percent of Israelis thought Netanyahu should resign as head of Likud if indicted, with 24 percent opposed. The poll had a margin of error of four percentage points.

The emergence of Saar as an heir could reshuffle the deck, but challenging Netanyahu in Likud is a risky maneuver in a party that fiercely values loyalty and has had only four leaders in its 70-plus-year history. (AP)

A glance at NATO's aims for Dec. summit, as tensions simmer

BRUSSELS—NATO foreign ministers met in Brussels Nov. 20 to make final preparations for an imminent summit of the military alliance's leaders amid deep political tensions between the allies.

The rift was exacerbated by French President Emmanuel Macron's allegations that NATO is suffering a "brain death" due to a lack of U.S. leadership, an unpredictable Turkey, and the need for Europe to take more responsibility for its own security.

The summit in London on Dec. 3-4 will last just a few hours, allowing little time for debate. U.S. President Donald Trump is expected to repeat his perennial demand for the 29 allies to step up military spending and this will probably dominate the meeting.

To mollify him, NATO is set to release new figures that will again show a rise in spending among European allies and Canada. The alliance says defense spending has increased five years in a row and that over \$100 billion in new funds has poured in since Trump took office.

The following are some "summit deliverables" to be agreed Nov. 20 and unveiled in two weeks.

The challenge from China

The ministers will endorse a confidential report laying out NATO's new policy toward China. The idea is to be ready for any security challenge posed by China's rise, while still taking advantage of the economic opportunities it might offer.

NATO doesn't plan to move into Asia, but rather to respond to China's growing presence in Africa or its purchase of European infrastructure. The trick has been to find a way not to portray the country as an adversary like Russia.

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dominant role Chinese firms play in telecommunications infrastructure.

The U.S.-driven policy focuses in part on China's strategic investments, including in weapons, but also on developing ties with nearer neighbors like Japan and South Korea, or Australia and New Zealand.

Space, the 'fifth domain'

After land, sea, air and cyber, NATO is naming space the fifth security area where it might be called to action. Some 2,000 satellites orbit the earth, over half operated by NATO countries. They handle everything from communications, to data, imagery and more. Destroying any of them could wreak havoc below.

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NATO's eye in the sky

NATO is set to upgrade its aging fleet of surveillance aircraft for the last time before the four-decade-old planes are mothballed in 2035. Stoltenberg says that next week the alliance will sign a contract worth \$1 billion "upgrading, modernizing, the AWACS fleet."

The 14 Boeing E-3A planes are among the few military assets that NATO owns as an alliance. Member nations own all the other equipment, apart from a few shared drones.

The aircraft are based in Germany and were used during the Russia-Ukraine crisis, to assist Turkey during the war in Syria and to help the global coalition fighting the Islamic State group.

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(GIN)—It's not a piece of cake these days for leaders of African countries plotting to rewrite their constitutions and give themselves another decade or two in power, frustrating efforts by citizen groups to give other leaders a chance to rule.

That's the endgame facing Guinean President Alpha Conde who is poised to approve a new constitution favorable to extending his stay in power.

But to his discomfort, a people's movement of opposition has turned out every Thursday in Conakry, the Guinean capital, according to media accounts, with some hundreds of thousands of citizens saying "no" to

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YouTube videos show marchers filling the streets, waving signs reading "Alpha Conde dictateur," "2020—someone else!" and "Two terms is enough!"

"If Alpha persists in changing the constitution against the will of the Guinean people, there is a clear risk of confrontation that could lead to violence that threatens peace and stability in Guinea," said Cellou Dalein Diallo, whose own bid for president was defeated twice.

Mr. Condé's election in 2010 was faulted by the Carter Center which noted several irregularities in voter registration, vote counting

and the loss of nearly one million voters from the final count.

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Complicating matters further are the outside influencers-the U.S. and Russiainjecting their political biases into the mix. U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo recently tweeted that there's a "critical need for regular democratic transitions of power for a thriving democracy" while former Russian ambassador to Guinea Alexander Bregadze expressed strong support for changing the rules. "Constitutions are not dogma, the Bible or Koran," he said, adding "as the popular Russian saying goes, you don't change horses at a river crossing."

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Mr. Salami said the United States and Israel are the common enemies of the Islamic world, praising Pakistan's efforts in reducing regional tensions.

"In defending the Islamic nations, we bear in mind the totality of Islamic territories and will never differentiate between Shia and Sunni [Muslims]," the IRGC chief added.

Mr. Salami added that Iran and Pakistan share an interdependent policy of ensuring sustainable peace across common border areas. For his part, Mr. Bajwa said that Iran and Pakistan enjoy many similar religious, cultural and historical traits, and that having common border areas allows for the further development of mutual cooperation between the two.

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Among the most important topics discussed in the meeting were developing military and security ties, cooperation in countering terrorist and criminal groups along border areas, experience sharing and boosting collaboration in training and research.

Mr. Bajwa, who is in Iran at the head of a high-ranking military and security delegation, held talks with various top Iranian officials on Nov. 19, including Iranian President Hassan Rouhani and Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif. (Press. TV.com)

With the UN Security Council in paralysis, are there new hopes for Rohingya Muslims?

by Thalif Deen

UNITED NATIONS (IPS)—The 15-member UN Security Council (UNSC) stands virtually paralyzed in the face of genocide charges against the government of Myanmar where over 730,000 to one million Rohingya Muslims have been forced to flee to neighboring Bangladesh since a 2016 crackdown by Myanmar's military.

A team of UN investigators has declared that the crackdown was carried out with "genocidal intent."

The paralysis at the UNSC, attributed to inaction by two of its veto-wielding members, namely China and Russia, has now triggered interventions by both the International Criminal Court (ICC) and the International Court of Justice (ICJ) which are expected to sit in judgment over the atrocities.

Although judges at the ICC recently agreed to authorize a full-scale investigation into allegations of mass persecution and crimes against humanity, Myanmar is not a party to the Rome statute that established the ICC.

Asked how effective any ruling would be against Myanmar as a non-party, Param-Preet Singh, associate director, International Justice Program at Human Rights Watch, told IPS: "Any action by the ICC would be against individual defendants, not the state".

"If your question is whether Myanmar would surrender any suspects to face justice in The Hague, based on its current position with respect to the ICC, it would be easy to say that the authorities would never cooperate."

But the same was said about Radovan Karadzic, Ratko Mladic and Slobodan Milosevic—each of whom fell from positions of power and eventually found themselves in the dock at the Yugoslay tribunal, she



Rohingya refugees in the Kutupalong Rohingya Refugee Camp in Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh. Photo - UN/KMAsad

"We hope that the ICJ will reaffirm the legal principle that any States Parties to the Genocide Convention have legal standing to sue another States Party, which has failed to take steps to prevent and punish acts of genocide.

"A declaration by the ICJ that Myanmar has failed to prevent and punish those responsible for these heinous acts will help to address the plight of the Rohingya community."

This case, he pointed out, is a wake-up call for the United Nations Security Council, which continues to shirk its responsibility to maintain international peace and security and has so far failed to protect the Rohingya community.

The formal submission to the ICJ, accusing Myanmar of genocide through the murder, rape and destruction, was made on November 11 by the Republic of the Gambia, on behalf of the 57-member Organization for Islamic Cooperation (OIC).

Meanwhile, in a statement released November 14, ICC Prosecutor, Fatou Bensouda, said: "I welcome the decision by ICC indges to authorize my request to open an

ing a positive signal to the victims of atrocity crimes in Myanmar and elsewhere, she declared.

After a reported military-led crackdown, widespread killings, rape and village burnings, nearly three-quarters of a million Rohingya fled Myanmar's Rakhine state to settle in crowded refugee camps in neighboring Bangladesh, according to an ICC press release.

Asked what the next step would be if Myanmar refuses to abide by the decisions of the two international courts of justice, HRW's Singh said: "I think it's important to discuss both cases as proceedings, since final decisions in both courts are a long way off."

She said the fact that Myanmar's actions are being scrutinized by two judicial mechanisms—through the separate but complementary lenses of state and individual responsibility—challenges Myanmar's empty denials of its role in atrocities and raises the political cost of ongoing abuses, both for Myanmar and the countries that would rather ignore its dismal human rights record.

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of the UN system. I think the Secretary General has spoken out very clearly and very forcefully on the need to address the situation of the Rohingyas and for the Government of Myanmar to put in place a number of actions and for justice to be done, but we have no specific comment on that case."

Meanwhile, back in October 2018, Marzuki Darusman, chair of the fact-finding mission of the Human Rights Council (HRC), briefed the Security Council on the mission's report.

Among its findings was that Myanmar security forces had committed what amounted to war crimes and crimes against humanity in their treatment of several ethnic and religious minorities in Rakhine, Kachin and Shan States.

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The paralysis at the UNSC, attributed to inaction by two of its veto-wielding members, namely China and Russia, has now triggered interventions by both the International Criminal Court (ICC) and the International Court of Justice (ICJ) which are expected to sit in judgment over the atrocities.

Although judges at the ICC recently agreed to authorize a full-scale investigation into allegations of mass persecution and crimes against humanity, Myanmar is not a party to the Rome statute that established the ICC.

Asked how effective any ruling would be against Myanmar as a non-party, Param-Preet Singh, associate director, International Justice Program at Human Rights Watch, told IPS: "Any action by the ICC would be against individual defendants, not the state".

"If your question is whether Myanmar would surrender any suspects to face justice in The Hague, based on its current position with respect to the ICC, it would be easy to say that the authorities would never cooperate."

But the same was said about Radovan Karadzic, Ratko Mladic and Slobodan Milosevic—each of whom fell from positions of power and eventually found themselves in the dock at the Yugoslav tribunal, she pointed out.

"Of course, it was a long and complex process to get those defendants before the court, and that's exactly why it's difficult to speculate about the success of any ICC efforts to hold individuals to account," she declared.

Dr. Tawanda Hondora, executive director of World Federalist Movement—Institute for Global Policy (WFM-IGP), the organization that houses and coordinates the work of the Coalition for the International Criminal Court (CICC), told IPS.

"While Myanmar disputes that genocide has taken place, it has done very little to prevent and stop the persecution, deportation, forced displacement, killing and torture of the Rohingya community, which acts may amount to genocide."



Rohingya refugees in the Kutupalong Rohingya Refugee Camp in Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh. Photo - UN/KM Asad

"We hope that the ICJ will reaffirm the legal principle that any States Parties to the Genocide Convention have legal standing to sue another States Party, which has failed to take steps to prevent and punish acts of genocide.

"A declaration by the ICJ that Myanmar has failed to prevent and punish those responsible for these heinous acts will help to address the plight of the Rohingya community."

This case, he pointed out, is a wake-up call for the United Nations Security Council, which continues to shirk its responsibility to maintain international peace and security and has so far failed to protect the Rohingya community.

The formal submission to the ICJ, accusing Myanmar of genocide through the murder, rape and destruction, was made on November 11 by the Republic of the Gambia, on behalf of the 57-member Organization for Islamic Cooperation (OIC).

Meanwhile, in a statement released November 14, ICC Prosecutor, Fatou Bensouda, said: "I welcome the decision by ICC judges to authorize my request to open an investigation into the situation in the People's Republic of Bangladesh/Republic of the Union of Myanmar."

She said the ICC judges have "accepted my analysis that there is a reasonable basis to believe that coercive acts that could qualify as the crimes against humanity of deportation and persecution on grounds of ethnicity and/or religion may have been committed against the Rohingya population".

With that decision, a formal investigation has been authorized, for crimes within the jurisdiction of the Court, allegedly committed on or after June 1, 2010, at least in part on the territory of Bangladesh, or on the territory of other state parties, as described in the decision.

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ing a positive signal to the victims of atrocity crimes in Myanmar and elsewhere, she declared.

After a reported military-led crackdown, widespread killings, rape and village burnings, nearly three-quarters of a million Rohingya fled Myanmar's Rakhine state to settle in crowded refugee camps in neighboring Bangladesh, according to an ICC press release.

Asked what the next step would be if Myanmar refuses to abide by the decisions of the two international courts of justice, HRW's Singh said: "I think it's important to discuss both cases as proceedings, since final decisions in both courts are a long way off."

She said the fact that Myanmar's actions are being scrutinized by two judicial mechanisms—through the separate but complementary lenses of state and individual responsibility—challenges Myanmar's empty denials of its role in atrocities and raises the political cost of ongoing abuses, both for Myanmar and the countries that would rather ignore its dismal human rights record.

Asked if the intervention by the two courts also send an implicit message to the UN Security Council which has so far refused to impose sanctions or take punitive action against Myanmar, Singh said: "The actions by Gambia and the ICC prosecutor to find a measure of justice for the Rohing-ya contrast sharply with and further expose the UN Security Council's paralysis on the crisis in Myanmar."

"And with that exposure, there is a rising political cost for its refusal to discharge its responsibility to address concerns about international peace and security in the region," she noted.

Asked for a reaction from Secretary-General Antonio Guterres, UN spokesperson Stephane Dujarric told reporters November 14: "No, it is not for us to comment on procedures going on in the judicial end

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"Both of these international courts, which are sometimes criticized as being distant, bureaucratic and slow-moving, have done more to address the issue of the genocide against the Rohingya than the UN Security Council. More than two years have passed since the genocide began in northern Rakhine State. The UN Security Council needs to name the crime and hold the perpetrators accountable. Anything less is a total abdication of their historic responsibility," Dr. Adams declared. The writer can be contacted at thalifdeen@ips.org

Police fight protesters on Caribbean island of Dominica

ST. JOHN'S, Antigua—A protest over election reform erupted on the Caribbean island of Dominica, with more than 200 people fighting police before being dispersed with tear gas, officials said Nov. 19.

The former French and British colony of about 75,000 residents holds elections on Dec. 6. The opposition United Workers' Party has been pushing the ruling party to enact reforms that could reduce the ruling party's electoral advantage.

Prime Minister Roosevelt Skerrit's government has not enacted the reforms, leading to charges of unfairness.

Assistant Police Commissioner Richmond Valentine said more than 200 protesters clashed with police when they tried to march to President Charles Savarin's home the night of Nov. 18 to call for reforms.

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Ms. Tekach and the U.S. Embassy in Cuba have tried to foment division among Cubans, "identifying areas of the economy where they can direct coercive measures and trying to slander and discredit the performance of the Cuban government and Cuban revolution," a Cuban government statement said.

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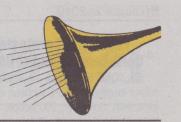
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Redistribute the pain: Keep your dollars in your pockets

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COMCAST CHOOSING THE WRONG SIDE OF HISTORY

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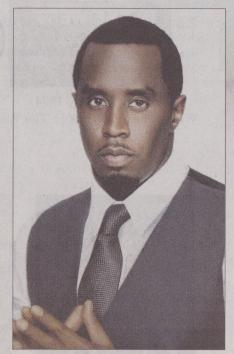
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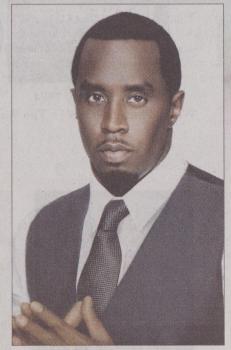
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On REVOLT, I can only share the truth of my experience. Starting an independent cable network is incredibly difficult and capital intensive. The start we received from Comcast, which was a condition of the United States government approval for Comcast to acquire NBCUniversal, was important, but it is not the level of support needed to build a successful African American owned network. Not even close. Since that launch our relationship has not grown, and REVOLT is still not carried by Comcast

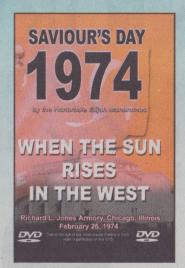
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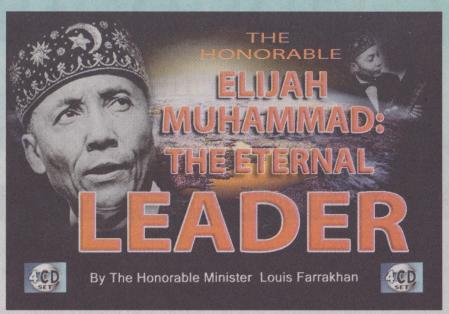
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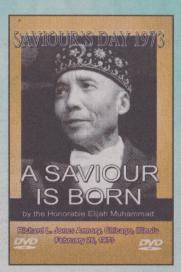
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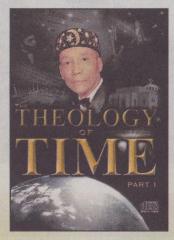
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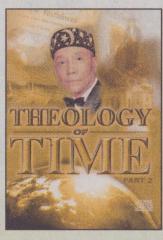
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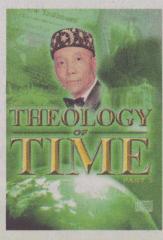
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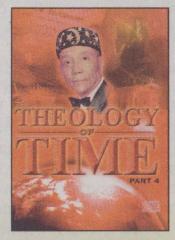
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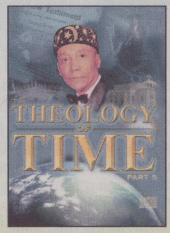
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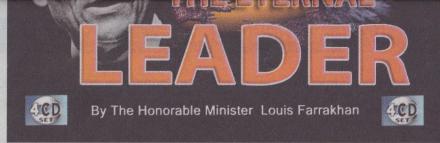
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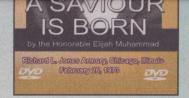
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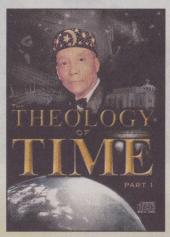
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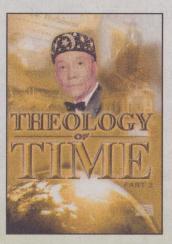
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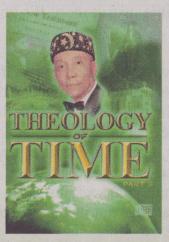
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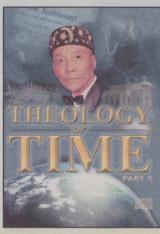
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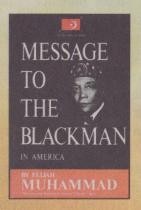
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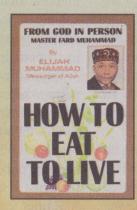
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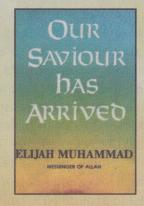
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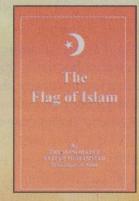
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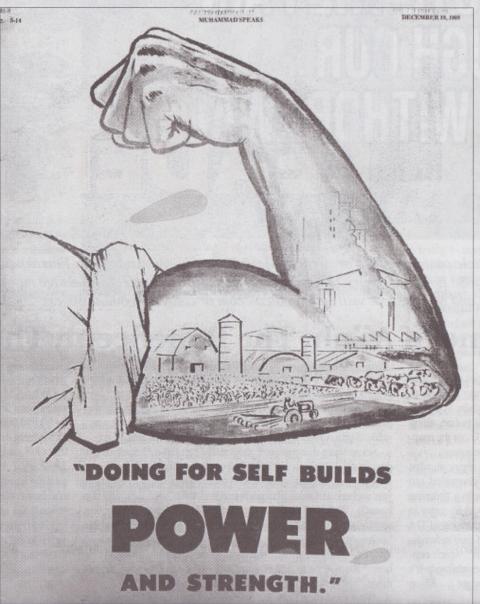
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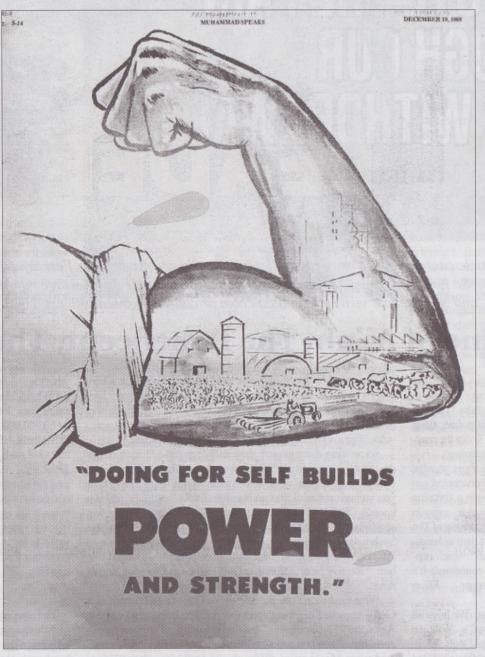


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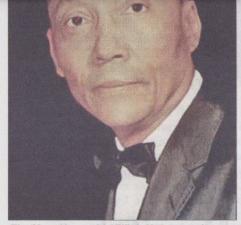
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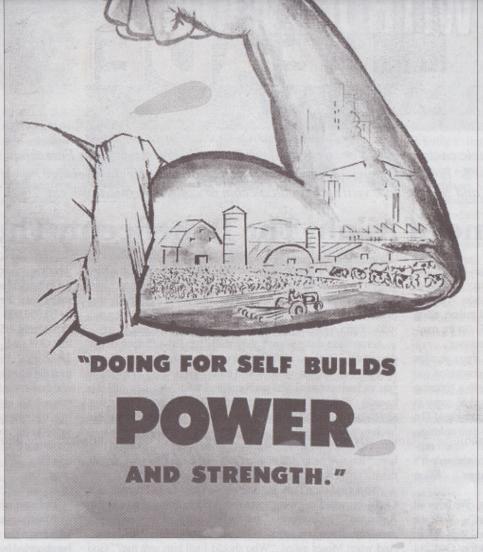
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Most of us as Christians, and even Muslims: We have all been told to forsake The Devil, or *Shaitan* ("Satan"). Well, we didn't know who he was! Because it's clear in the Book of Job: The Sons of God came to present themselves before God, but The Devil came also with them! So The Children of God were hanging out with The Devil—and that's a good description of us. You don't know yourself! And you don't know the enemy of yourself, though he has shown himself to be your enemy ever since you met him.

But when Master Fard Muhammad showed up in America, He taught Elijah Muhammad The Knowledge of Self, The Knowledge of God and The Knowledge of The Enemy of God, and The Knowledge of the True Religion of God. How could you be made in the image and likeness of God, and God is unseen? Do you see each other? Then you see God! And the Bible tells you at a certain point in Revelation 1:7: "Every eye will see Him." That means He will be made known to everyone. You know, Jehovah made Egypt great because He was

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said, "Oh, tell him that 'I Am that I Am." "I Am" is the present tense of the verb "to be," meaning "I Am in Existence, and I'm Present Now! Tell him I Am here—and I'm going to give you (Moses and Aaron) a 'calling card' to let him know that I am here."

"What is Your 'calling card' God?" Ezekiel saw It 595 years before Jesus: He looked up in the sky and he saw a Wheel—a dreadful-looking Wheel; and "Wheels within Wheels." "That's My 'Calling Card'. Tell him

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'Symbolism and no Substance': The ease with which the enemy tricks and bamboozles

You are excited now because in Charleston they decided to take down the Confederate flag. And Black folk are so easily

bamboozled by symbols with no substance! So, the White man deceived us again: They took down a flag that represented treason, and represented those who seceded from The Union over the question of slavery.

So we didn't like that flag; yes—but the *American flag*: We caught a lot of hell since Emancipation under *that* flag! Sharecropping was under *that* flag! Jim Crow was under *that* flag! One hundred years of lynching was under *that* flag! Police brutality and mob attacks, un-

der that flag! And we fought in every war under that flag, and have not received justice under that flag yet!

I respect the flag because it's the flag of an independent sov-



ereign nation. I respect it because one day we hope to be sovereign and independent in a nation of our own—and The Nation of Islam's Flag is a Flag that they can never take down, because they never were involved in the beginning in putting that Flag up. That Flag is The Sun, The Moon and The Stars!

The reason that Master Fard Muhammad brought that Flag is because we were in The Beginning when that Flag went up. *Oh, you didn't hear me!* You are "The Ancient of Days," having no beginning of days or ending of years; that's how long The Black Man has been in existence. And that's why when the White man sees you, he's terrified. He's terrified because when he looks at you, he's looking at "The Alpha" and he's looking at "The Omega": The beginning of their life, and the ending of their civilization!

We are The Beginning of The Universe, so that is why Jesus said in **John 8**, "Before Abraham was, I Am." Did you understand what he meant? Abraham is a "Johnny-Come-Lately" (just 5,000 years ago) to the worship of The One God. You can't count Our Beginning: There is no sign in the heavens above or in the earth beneath that shows when The Black Man began. Do you think the White man, when he went into Africa, was getting some "tribal bunnies" that were jumping in trees, with bones in our noses? Do you think that which he told you about yourself is true? He went and got the Master Architects!

To my Masonic family: He got The Architect not that built Solomon's Temple, but that built what you see, all of it; and brought us on a westerly course, and hit us in the head and put us in a shallow grave in "the north country." You see, when a person's been hit in the head: They're not very effective when they don't know themselves. And you've taken a terrible hit, and even sleepwalking (not knowing that you're up)! You outdo him in practically everything he gives you a chance; you beat him in everything. He doesn't want to tell you all the inventions that Black folk have given to make America what it is; he doesn't want to share that with you, he wants you to believe that you're just the masters of song and dance.

Yes, you are the masters of song and dance. And he can't dance quite as well, but he tries: He mimics you—and you don't even realize that you are setting the pace.

The Biggest Trick of all: Window-dressing posing as 'democracy'

I am *not* some "average Negro preacher"! They hate me—the White folks, the Jews, those in power. Well, that should tell you something about *me...* In **John 15:18**, Jesus said to his disciples, "They're going to hate you because they first hated me"; but if you call yourself a good Christian, and White folks don't hate you, you've been hoodwinked, you've been tricked and you've been bamboozled!

In verses 24-25, the scripture teaches they hated Jesus "without a cause": "If I had not done among them the works which none other man did, they had not had sin; but now have they both



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hell are we voting for if nobody that we vote for has been able to change the reality of Black life? And many of you are bought and paid for... Satan is a Master of Tricks, and the biggest trick of all, The Book says, is "he deceived the whole world." Are you in the world? Do you think you might have been tricked? You should look at yourself in the mirror and say: "Damn! I sure have been tricked!"

The enemy is saying, "These Negroes are soon gonna leave me"—they're getting angry. The biggest trick of all is The Jews got together (because they know prophecy), and they said, "Now they're beginning to find out that they're just like mannequins in the stores downtown." You know how when you go downtown, and you're window shopping? You go in and say, "I saw a dress in the window. I'd like to try it on." That is what Black politicians are: You are mannequins in the window of "democracy," trying to sell your people that this madness works for you because it worked for them.

"See? I'm in the window! You see what I got on? You see how they call me 'the honorable'?" But when you're downtown, tell

of justice! Obadiah the prophet said (verse 15): "For the day of the Lord is near upon all the heathen: as thou hast done, it shall be done unto thee: thy reward shall return upon thine own head."

White folk: You don't seem like you think that there is a day when you have to pay for what you have done... And I'm saying this to you, Black brother and sister: That day is upon us as well. You have to think about what you send forth into the lives of others, because it will come back in your life unless God has mercy on us. And The Jesus that I know: See, he came into the world to save us from our sins! Oh, thank you Jesus! ...

Now God may turn me over into the hands of the devil, like he turned Job over into the hands of the devil; because the devil had gone around making everybody bow, but not Job! And not Farrakhan.

Of all your leaders can nobody say, "I bought that nigga." I'll tell the Jews *straight up*: You ain't got a ladder tall enough to get up to heaven to cut off my blessings! But if God turns me into the hand of my enemy to be tried, I am willing—my teacher has already said: "Ain't nothing that they can do to get to Farrakhan." I love God, with all my heart, soul, mind and strength, and I love you like I love myself. And I'm willing to give my life! They don't have to take it; I'll give it to see us free. And that's not just "talk": Every day that I live, I am just like this! In the privacy of my home, in my room, I am just like this! I'm not a different man in the public... But, if God wants to try me further, I am willing. The enemy is trying to find a way to get to me, to arrest me—like they (The Jews) said Jesus taught sedition.

And I am telling you, if they go to war with Iran or any other place: Don't you sign up to fight for a country that has never fought for you! So if they send you a "greeting," send it back! And tell them, "Farrakhan told me to send it back" (smile); or, "I sent it back because I ain't going."

Every one of you that have done a tour of duty in Iraq or Afghanistan: You really need to sue the government with a "class action suit," because the president was a liar, the vice president was a liar, and secretary of state was a liar! They all lied, because they put up a policy that wasn't backed by intelligence; they skewed intelligence to back a policy, and they attacked Iraq on the basis of a lie. ... Don't send your son over there, because he may not be coming back; because they're not gonna spare you because you're Black, as the Japanese did once, telling you "Same same! Same same!" (In other words, "What are you doing over here? Same same [skin]!"); and they would send you back. But don't go today—you're going to have to tell them, "Same same," but the response will be: "Well if you're 'same same', what are you doing here?" So, they'll kill you too.

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To my Masonic family: He got The Architect not that built Solomon's Temple, but that built what you see, all of it; and brought us on a westerly course, and hit us in the head and put us in a shallow grave in "the north country." You see, when a person's been hit in the head: They're not very effective when they don't know themselves. And you've taken a terrible hit, and even sleepwalking (not knowing that you're up)! You outdo him in practically everything he gives you a chance; you beat him in everything. He doesn't want to tell you all the inventions that Black folk have given to make America what it is; he doesn't want to share that with you, he wants you to believe that you're just the masters of song and dance.

Yes, you are the masters of song and dance. And he can't dance quite as well, but he tries: He mimics you—and you don't even realize that you are setting the pace.

The Biggest Trick of all: Window-dressing posing as 'democracy'

I am *not* some "average Negro preacher"! They hate me—the White folks, the Jews, those in power. Well, that should tell you something about *me...* In **John 15:18**, Jesus said to his disciples, "They're going to hate you because they first hated me"; but if you call yourself a good Christian, and White folks don't hate you, you've been hoodwinked, you've been tricked and you've been bamboozled!

In verses 24-25, the scripture teaches they hated Jesus "without a cause": "If I had not done among them the works which none other man did, they had not had sin: but now have they both seen and hated both me and my Father. But this cometh to pass, that the word might be fulfilled that is written in their law, They hated me without a cause." They had no reason to hate that man! And to tell you the truth, they had no reason to hate my Teacher.

The Most Honorable Elijah Muhammad gave you great teachers in the city of St. Louis, yes; and every one that he gave you, the government hated. He gave you Brother Malcolm, and the government hated Brother Malcolm! And for them to have a government (postage) stamp in his name shows you that the tricks are working! If Malcolm could come back today, he'd say, "What the hell is this??"—so I'm going to say it for him: "WHAT THE HELL IS THIS?" The police didn't like Brother Malcolm! You know what Malcolm called the police? "An occupying army." They don't serve and protect you; they occupy our little ghetto, like soldiers, making sure that your savagery doesn't leave the ghetto and trouble downtown!

You politicians: See, you know what I'm saying. You "aldermen," a title that they give you over a piece of the hood: How much change have you been able to bring? *None.* Well, what the



Minister Louis Farrakhan

hell are we voting for if nobody that we vote for has been able to change the reality of Black life? And many of you are bought and paid for... Satan is a Master of Tricks, and the biggest trick of all, The Book says, is "he deceived the whole world." Are you in the world? Do you think you might have been tricked? You should look at yourself in the mirror and say: "Damn! I sure have been tricked!"

The enemy is saying, "These Negroes are soon gonna leave me"—they're getting angry. The biggest trick of all is The Jews got together (because they know prophecy), and they said, "Now they're beginning to find out that they're just like mannequins in the stores downtown." You know how when you go downtown, and you're window shopping? You go in and say, "I saw a dress in the window. I'd like to try it on." That is what Black politicians are: You are mannequins in the window of "democracy," trying to sell your people that this madness works for you because it worked for them.

"See? I'm in the window! You see what I got on? You see how they call me 'the honorable'?" But when you're downtown, tell me how effective you are in the city council! They're tricking you all the time. ... That doesn't mean you're not a good person, but, good for nothing—unless we can deliver for our people!

'What is Justice?' Study the signs of 'reaping the whirlwind'

What is "Justice"? The Most Honorable Elijah Muhammad said, "Justice is the greatest principle of fair dealing." Has the government of the United States dealt fairly with us? No. Justice is the law that distinguishes between right and wrong. Have we been done wrong? Yes. But he also said, "If there were justice, there would be no need for a judgment." Did both Bible and Qur'an talk about a "judgment" "The Day of Judgment"? Elijah Muhammad said, "Justice is The Weapon that God will use in the Day of Judgment."

In Galatians 6:7 the scripture teaches: "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap"; and in Hosea 8:7 it reads, "For they have sown the wind, and they shall reap the whirlwind" See, when you "reap": You always get more than what you've sown. That is the nature

up to heaven to cut off my blessings! But if God turns me into the hand of my enemy to be tried, I am willing—my teacher has already said: "Ain't nothing that they can do to get to Farrakhan." I love God, with all my heart, soul, mind and strength, and I love you like I love myself. And I'm willing to give my life! They don't have to take it; I'll give it to see us free. And that's not just "talk": Every day that I live, I am just like this! In the privacy of my home, in my room, I am just like this! I'm not a different man in the public... But, if God wants to try me further, I am willing. The enemy is trying to find a way to get to me, to arrest me—like they (The Jews) said Jesus taught sedition.

And I am telling you, if they go to war with Iran or any other place: Don't you sign up to fight for a country that has never fought for you! So if they send you a "greeting," send it back! And tell them, "Farrakhan told me to send it back." (smile); or, "I sent it back because I ain't going."

Every one of you that have done a tour of duty in Iraq or Afghanistan: You really need to sue the government with a "class action suit," because the president was a liar, the vice president was a liar, and secretary of state was a liar! They all lied, because they put up a policy that wasn't backed by intelligence; they skewed intelligence to back a policy, and they attacked Iraq on the basis of a lie. ... Don't send your son over there, because he may not be coming back; because they're not gonna spare you because you're Black, as the Japanese did once, telling you "Same same! Same same!" (In other words, "What are you doing over here? Same same [skin]!"); and they would send you back. But don't go today—you're going to have to tell them, "Same same," but the response will be: "Well if you're 'same same', what are you doing here?" So, they'll kill you too.

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Do you know how many of *our heads* have been cut off? Do you know in the lynching of us how many of us were burned *alive*? Do you know how many of us, where they took a corkscrew, and stuck it into our flesh and turned it, and pulled? Every form of torture imaginable was given to us!

So as the song goes, "Don't you weep, Mary! Don't you weep, don't you mourn"—because Pharaoh's army is about to get drowned! So you might as well go home and strengthen yourself... When you see Justice as a Weapon that God is using to pay them back, don't cry! Say, "Thank You Lord! Thank You Lord! Thank You, Lord, that wengeance is Yours—and You are taking wengeance on our enemies! THANK YOU LORD!"

Dr. King's instructions on the last night of his life: 'Redistribute the pain'

In closing: Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., on the night before he

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was assassinated, was talking so strong... But after he was assassinated, they reduced him to a "dream." Every time they mention Dr. King's name, he is "The Dreamer"—but they did not kill our brother because he dreamed.

Go and Google search the terms "Dr. King" and "the last night of his life" and you will find a speech wherein Dr. King was talking about "justice," and Dr. King was talking about "land." Dr. King knew death was on him, and he told the people at Mason Temple COGIC in Memphis, Tennessee, on April 3, 1968, in his speech "I've Been to the Mountaintop": "We have to redistribute the pain; when we're in pain, we've gotta make them feel pain." That's what he said! He said, "Tomorrow tell the neighbor, 'Don't buy Sealtest milk.' Tell them 'Don't buy Coca-Cola in Memphis.' Tell them 'Don't buy Wonder bread and Hart's bread.""—he said: "We don't have to argue with anybody. We don't have to curse and go around acting bad with our words. We don't need any bricks and bottles. We don't need any Molotov cocktails. We just need to go around to these stores, and to these massive industries in our country, and say, 'God sent us by here, to say to you that you're not treating his children right. And we've come by here to ask you to make the first item on your agenda fair treatment, where God's children are concerned. Now, if you are not prepared to do that, we do have an agenda that we must follow. And our agenda calls for withdrawing economic support from you."

This is Dr. King! He said we (in 1968) made \$30 billion dollars or more out of the American economy: "Now the other thing we'll have to do is this: Always anchor our external direct action with the power of economic withdrawal. Now, we are poor people. Individually, we are poor when you compare us with white society in America. We are poor. Never stop and forget that collectivelythat means all of us together-collectively we are richer than all the nations in the world, with the exception of nine. Did you ever think about that? After you leave the United States, Soviet Russia, Great Britain, West Germany, France, and I could name the others, the American Negro collectively is richer than most nations of the world. We have an annual income of more than thirty billion dollars a year, which is more than all of the exports of the United States, and more than the national budget of Canada. Did you know that? That's power right there, if we know how to pool it." Today it's \$1.1 trillion to \$1.3 trillion. ...

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Christmas gifts for those you love—you're feeding the economy of those that hate you! And with Christmas and Black spending, they make enough money for the whole year of business to be profitable. Let's distribute the pain. ...

So this Christmas? Don't put any tree in your house; that's what *the heathen* used to do (**study Book of Jeremiah, Ch. 10**). See the balls that they used to put on the Christmas tree? That's because they worshiped *the sun*, not the "Son of God." All the candles that you put in your window that makes the electric company happy? Take them candles down! Put your money in your pocket! They don't believe in Jesus; they even stopped calling it "*Christ*mas" and call it "X-mas," because "X" in mathematics stands for "the unknown." . . .

I wish this Christmas you would kick Santa to the curb, and bring Jesus to the center of your life, and give him honor, and give him praise; and praise him much. Then "Christmas" will be real.

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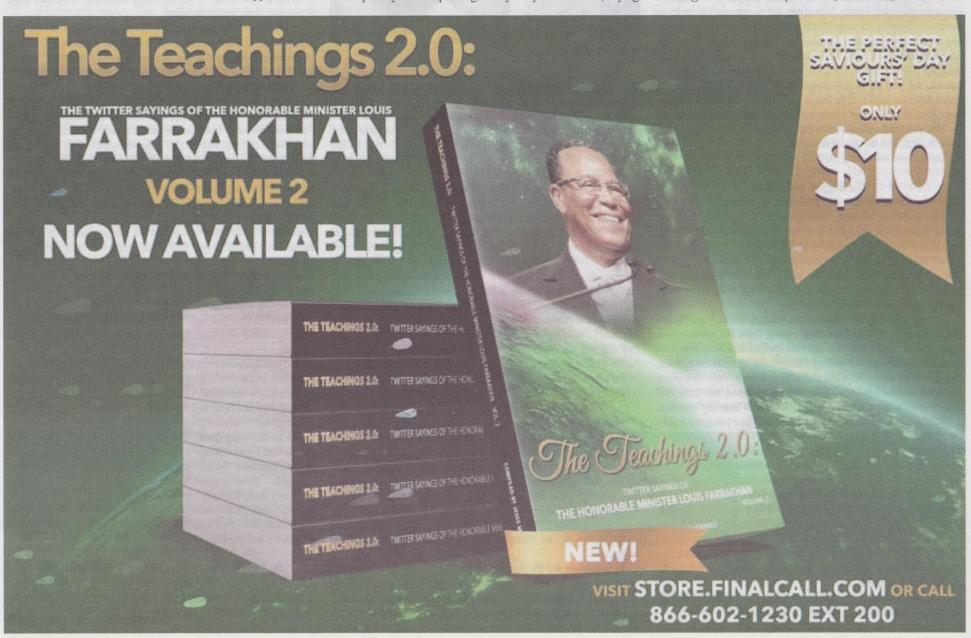
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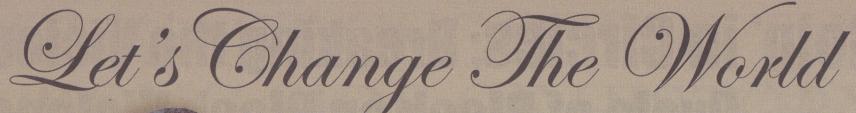
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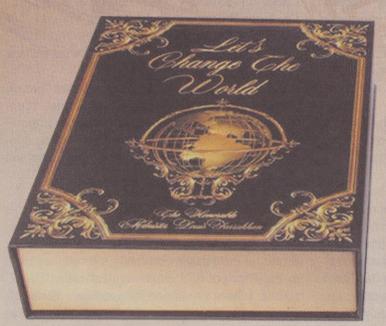




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Goin' in Circles: Breaking the Vicious Cycle of Black on Black Violence

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—Guest Columnist—

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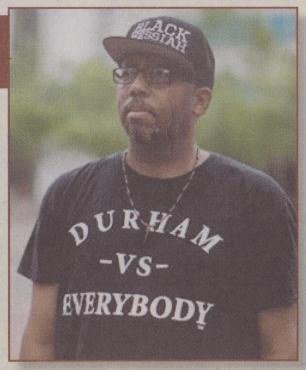
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Let us look at this, historically.

You rarely have heard of Black on Black violence being a major problem when Black pride and awareness were at its highest such as the early 20th century when Marcus Garvey organized from 6 to 11 million Black people under the red, black and green flag of Black solidarity. Nor did you hear about drive-by shootings during the rallies of free-

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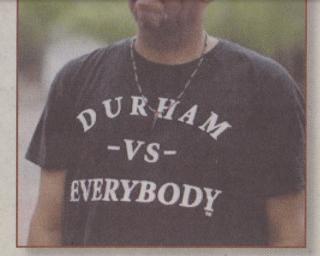
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So, the Black Codes of yesterday seem to still be operative, whereby, the *powers that be* have clandestinely decided that the gang violence that permeates many cities is preferable to a Black United Front and the status quo of White supremacy must be upheld by any means necessary. Unfortunately, many of our young brothers and sisters are being used as pawns in this deadly game of destruction. But what can we do?

First, we must end the fallacy that there are no solutions. Our scholars and activists have given us hundreds of solutions over the last hundred years that can all be found on the internet or at your local library. One must only look at the works of Dr.



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Lastly, we must organize, organize, organize, as the ancestor Kwame Ture would say. In Durham, North Carolina, there is a new movement being formed to unite the brothers and sisters on the streets to fight for political empowerment called BLAC (Black Liberation Action Committee). These efforts must be duplicated, not only in Durham but in every 'hood in America.

If something revolutionary isn't done, as the Friends of Distinction sang back in the day, "We'll forever be going in circles." Min. Paul Scott is founder of the Durham, N.C.-based Black Messiah Movement. He can be reached at: info@nowarningshotsfired.com or (919) 972-8305. Follow him on Twitter @truthminista.



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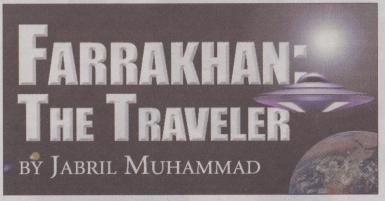
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"The future of the Black man is so beautiful that we can hardly comprehend it! The biggest thing that stands before us is qualification—and readiness. Let us get qualified to master the house that God is giving to us, before someone tries to rob us of that mastering of the house. If they rob us of the mastery of the house, I am sorry for us.

"I say to you, Black Brother and Black Sister, do not be foolish. The Kingdom of Heaven will be given to you and to me. Have patience to receive it.

"But to get the house into our service, it is like a mother giving birth to a baby—the baby must mature in that which he is in. As a baby matures in the womb of the mother in order to be born, so the Black man must mature to be born into a new world that the Black man must build himself. These are the days of trouble."

hammad once told me that when he came across a word he did not know, he would not stop until he went to the root of it. He used dictionaries.

We have learned so little about the meaning of the words we use, hear and read daily that we inadvertently continuously contribute to the disunity we have yet to overcome, despite having God's direct help.

The following excerpt provides insight into the heart and mind of Minister Farrakhan as a student. It is my "Farrakhan: The Traveler" column from Volume 21, Number 25 (January 28, 2002).

Minister Farrakhan: And then from the writings of Paul, in this instance, I keep saying it over and over like a mantra, "I can do all things through Christ or through Allah which strengthens me." This keeps me focused on God, because without Him I will not be able to do this at all. Without God's intervention, I would not represent Beethoven

swer is formulating in my head. So you, more than anybody, can attest to the truth that this is not regular, it's not necessarily ordinary, but that God is with Brother's mouth.

Brother Jabril: One of my purposes in these interviews is to show, through you, what God has and is doing with you for us, to help us to have more confidence that He is with us.

Brother Minister, I don't fully remember the man's name, it starts with a "V" and you said that he talked about what you are attempting to do, is a tight rope—

Minister Farrakhan: Charles Veal.

Brother Jabril: Please repeat what you told me that he said of the difficulty factor in what you are preparing to do.

Minister Farrakhan: He said that the difficulty factor in what I intend to do is to be compared to a man walking a tight rope, a Now Brother Minister, be it the Will of Allah, I intend to make of these interviews into a "Gap Two" book, for in your words are many lessons for others—young Brothers, Sisters—who want to teach; who want to help advance the Nation of Islam. In a summary fashion, what would you want them to get out of your experiences that you just outlined, that could help them do what they are trying to do or will try to do?

Minister Farrakhan: I wish that every Believer could see me in the role of a student. They always see me in the role as a teacher. But you can never be a good teacher unless you first become a good student. And you can never be a good leader unless you first become a good follower.

There are characteristics one must develop to become a good student. The reason I believe that I excel as a student is because my desire is so intense to know and improve. So it doesn't make any difference how you

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Qualified: having met a condition or requirement to become legally eligible for or entitled to a position or privilege: with the necessary skills, qualities, or attributes to do a particular thing.

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"The future of the Black man is so beautiful that we can hardly comprehend it! The biggest thing that stands before us is qualification—and readiness. Let us get qualified to master the house that God is giving to us, before someone tries to rob us of that mastering of the house. If they rob us of the mastery of the house, I am sorry for us.

"I say to you, Black Brother and Black Sister, do not be foolish. The Kingdom of Heaven will be given to you and to me. Have patience to receive it.

"But to get the house into our service, it is like a mother giving birth to a baby—the baby must mature in that which he is in. As a baby matures in the womb of the mother in order to be born, so the Black man must mature to be born into a new world that the Black man must build himself. These are the days of trouble."

So wrote the Honorable Elijah Muhammad these profound words in the 42nd chapter of "The Fall of America."

He opened chapter 25 of "Our Savior Has Arrived" with: "Allah (God) has come to unite us." How well do we understand his words?

He also taught—which the Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan has confirmed—that agreement on truth is the basis of love, out of which unity is produced.

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hammad once told me that when he came across a word he did not know, he would not stop until he went to the root of it. He used dictionaries.

We have learned so little about the meaning of the words we use, hear and read daily that we inadvertently continuously contribute to the disunity we have yet to overcome, despite having God's direct help.

The following excerpt provides insight into the heart and mind of Minister Farrakhan as a student. It is my "Farrakhan: The Traveler" column from Volume 21, Number 25 (January 28, 2002).

Minister Farrakhan: And then from the writings of Paul, in this instance, I keep saying it over and over like a mantra, "I can do all things through Christ or through Allah which strengthens me." This keeps me focused on God, because without Him I will not be able to do this at all. Without God's intervention, I would not represent Beethoven as well as I would like.

So I'm begging Allah and believing that He's going to be with me and help me to take an ordinary talent and do something, maybe a little more than ordinary, by His grace.

Brother Jabril: You told me of this conductor the other night—

Minister Farrakhan: You know, the fact that you ask me questions over the years that you didn't prompt me on, so I never knew the question; but as you give me the question, the an-

swer is formulating in my head. So you, more than anybody, can attest to the truth that this is not regular, it's not necessarily ordinary, but that God is with Brother's mouth.

Brother Jabril: One of my purposes in these interviews is to show, through you, what God has and is doing with you for us, to help us to have more confidence that He is with us.

Brother Minister, I don't fully remember the man's name, it starts with a "V" and you said that he talked about what you are attempting to do, is a tight rope—

Minister Farrakhan: Charles Veal.

Brother Jabril: Please repeat what you told me that he said of the difficulty factor in what you are preparing to do.

Minister Farrakhan: He said that the difficulty factor in what I intend to do is to be compared to a man walking a tight rope, a hundred feet in the air with no safety net.

When he first heard me play, he said, "You know, there were some moments of brilliance in what you did."

He said, "You're close." But he came back then days later, after giving me some guidance, he said, "Man, what you've done in a week's time is amazing." He said, "You're there now."

Brother Jabril: All praises are due to Allah for blessing us with an example such as He has given us in you.

Now Brother Minister, be it the Will of Allah, I intend to make of these interviews into a "Gap Two" book, for in your words are many lessons for others—young Brothers, Sisters—who want to teach; who want to help advance the Nation of Islam. In a summary fashion, what would you want them to get out of your experiences that you just outlined, that could help them do what they are trying to do or will try to do?

Minister Farrakhan: I wish that every Believer could see me in the role of a student. They always see me in the role as a teacher. But you can never be a good teacher unless you first become a good student. And you can never be a good leader unless you first become a good follower.

There are characteristics one must develop to become a good student. The reason I believe that I excel as a student is because my desire is so intense to know and improve. So it doesn't make any difference how you critique me, my heart has been made by God so humble and my desire to be better is so great, that I suck up what you tell me like a sponge.

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Let's look, for example, at Encarta World English Dictionary's definitions of some of the words used (or implied) above.

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Master: somebody who has great skill in a particular area; somebody or something controlling or influencing events or other things; somebody who is highly skilled in a trade or craft and is qualified to teach apprentices; a specialist; sometimes a retired judge, who assists a court by making a report to the judge presiding over a case, often a highly complex case; to become highly skilled in something, or acquire a complete understanding of it.

More on this, next issue, Allah willing.

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Cultural Links—800-year celebration of the Mongolian nation and the Birth of the Nation of Islam in America

Unveiling the Number by Mother Tynnetta Muhammad

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powerful leader and founder of Mongolia, Chinggis (Ghengis) Khan.

On October 7 this year, marking the birth date of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad, I was in Washington, D.C., at the Smithsonian Institute's National Museum of Natural History on the National Mall to participate in the 800th anniversary festivities symposium on Mongolian nationhood and its founder Ghengis Khan. Special invitations were prepared for my companions and I to be placed on the guest list from the Oct. 6 evening reception through October 8. I asked myself and my traveling companions what might be the significance of us being in the heart of the Washington, D.C.-area in celebration of this event and its connection to the birthday of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad. What relationship would this have to our baby Nation of Islam coming to birth in America?

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The crystal pyramid was inspired by an experience that a few of us witnessed of the second sighting that the Honorable Minister Farrakhan had in the village of Tepoztlán in 2001 at the end of September. A few days after our sighting this pure, crystalline, white object in the sky appeared in front of a curtain of mountains in Tepoztlán. We watched in amazement two other objects coming out of that brilliant ship of light. We saw it pulsate sev-

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For the last 22 years, since 1984 when I had my vision, I was guided to the intense study of the Mongolian nation, tracing its roots back to the Mongolian nation that was united under its

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The Honorable Minister Farrakhan is the next link in the chain to reveal the ongoing Presence of God and the Messianic dispensation and mission in which we collectively are a part. Our Lost-and-Found Nation in America have been totally cut off and separated from our kith and kin on the African continent, in Asia

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How To Eat To Live

BY THE MOST HONORABLE ELIJAH MUHAMMAD



How to keep food From Hurting Us I thank Allah in the Person of Master

Fard Muhammad, to Whom praises are due forever, for bringing to us life and light so that we may be able to enjoy life, and to enjoy that life longer than we have previously enjoyed it.

Many years could be added to our lives if we only knew how to protect our lives from their enemies. As He (meaning Master Fard Muhammad) said to me, food keeps us here; it is essential that we eat food which gives and maintains life. That same food destroys life. Therefore, to keep this food from destroying our lives, we must protect our lives as well as we possibly can from the destruction of food. If we eat the proper food, and eat at the proper time, the food will keep us living a long, long time.

Eating three and four times a day is to your stomach as dripping water is to a stone or iron. The dripping water will eventually wear the stone and iron away. But, just to look at the water, it does not appear powerful enough in its dripping to wear the stone and iron away. It is the same with food; we continuously put it into our stomachs to be digested and eventually it will destroy the stomach. If we let our stomachs rest a while and gain strength

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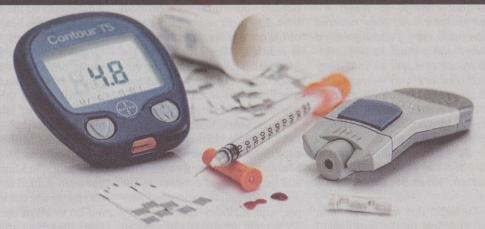
Eat one meal a day and eat the food that will not harm you so quickly. You do not have to obtain a long, detailed knowledge of what foods you have to eat, because the wrong food has already been pointed out to you—foods such as the pig, nuts, white flour, meats (of course, we eat some meats), the wrong kinds of peas, the wrong kinds of breads, too many starchy foods, and too many sweets.

All of these foods destroy us. Bread should be cooked thoroughly and slowly, and if you have plenty of time, cook the bread two or three times and then eat it. Meat should also be cooked two

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Eating great meals of highly seasoned and sugared pastries is definitely not good for us. They most surely will take years of our lives away. You may eat some sweets, but do not make an entire meal of sweets or eat them every day. Fruit is good for us; we should eat plenty of fruit.

To live a long time, eat once every 24 hours or once every 48 hours, if you are able to do so. But, if you have heavy, manual work to do, do not try to eat once every two or three days. And, if you eat once a day, you should fast every month for two or three days. By doing that, there will be no poison left in the body at the

end of a year to make you sick even one hour.

I would like you, who try to live and eat just as this book teaches you, to please send me a letter telling me of the results that you have gained from eating as I have instructed you in this book. I repeatedly teach that the way Allah, in the Person of Master Fard Muhammad, has taught us to eat will do away with many doctor bills and do away with much maiming of the limbs caused by certain diseases.

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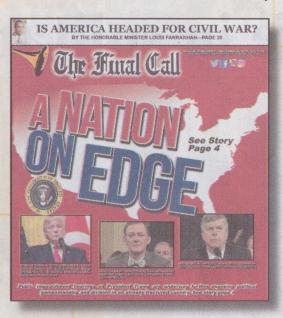
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There are some people who claim that they do not receive beneficial results as they should. This is due to wrong mental food that they are eating, which has an effect on their digestive system. To get good results from eating the proper foods, we must have good thoughts.

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We said Allah appeared in the Person of Master Fard Muhammad. But the Honorable Elijah Muhammad called Him the Great Mahdi in His writings. Mahdi is an Anointed Being in line with the Originator of the heavens and the Earth. Anointed to do what? Look at what He said Mahdi would do:

- He would set down every tyrant.
- He would set justice in the Earth.
- · He would break the cross,
- · And kill the swine.

That's a big assignment for a man born of a woman. Who gave Mahdi that assignment? The Originator. Why? Because we are at that time in world history where every tyrant must be sat down. All hypocrisy in religion has to end because Allah says no religion will be accepted in that day but the religion of Islam.

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I am honored to be here. I am honored to be a part of a Nation that has not shed the blood of a member of the Nation. Even though we have disagreements, and those disagreements are gradually being diminished, but they're not completely done yet. But I am honored to be here in this space, in this house, with this imam, and with the great imam, Abdul Karim Hasan, whom my father said, he saw him when he came from Connecticut as Abdel Karrr'm and the Honorable Elijah Muhammad said Abdel is good, but Abdul is better; Karrr'm is nice, but Karim is better. So, he became Abdul Karim. And Elijah Muhammad gave him that big name, and he has acted as Abdul, the servant of the been Abdul Karim, and then Hasan was given to him. Allah made it all subservient to us.

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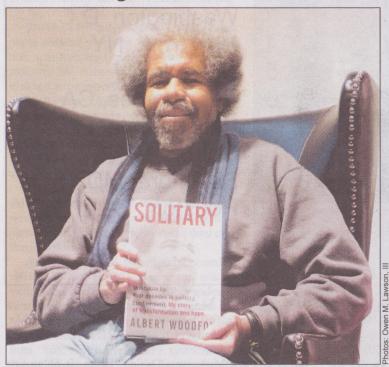
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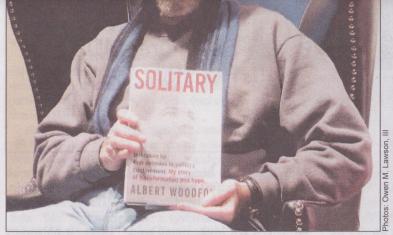
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Nov. 29 Buy Black Friday Super Ujamaa Market

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Nov. 30 Book it Black to Bronzeville: The Rakim Experience CHICAGO—Join rap pioneer Rakim at The Harold Washington Cultural Center, 4701 S. King Dr., in Chicago on Nov. 30 from 7:00 p.m.- 10:00 p.m. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. The musician and hip-hop

legend-hailed by many as "the greatest MC of all time" and compared to Thelonious Monk—reimagines the writing handbook in this memoir and guide that incorporates the soulful genius, confidence, and creativity of a master artist. Rakim's book is titled, "Sweat the Technique: Revelations on Creativity From The Lyrical Genius." The event will be a one night only exclusive book discussion of his new memoir and a full concert of his classics.

Part memoir, part writing guide, "Sweat the Technique" offers insight into how Rakim thinks about words, music, writing, and rhyming as it teaches writers of all levels how to hone their craft.

Book It Black To Bronzeville is a curated literary series produced by Scrybes-N-Vybes owner Desiree Sanders to bring Black book lovers and writers together to celebrate the written word in the Bronzeville Community. For more information and ticket prices, visit Eventbrite.com or contact the Harold Washington Cultural Center: (773) 373-1900. For groups, email: events@hwccchicago.org.

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Dec. 28 The 2nd Annual Marriage Improvement Seminar

FOREST PARK, Ga.—The Marriage Keepers presents: The 2nd Annual Marriage Improvement Seminar for Active, Registered F.O.I. and M.G.T., entitled, "To Have and to Hold," at the Rendezvous Event Centre & Banquet Hall, 4717 Jonesboro Road, in Forest Park, Georgia. Male and female relationships can get better! The cost is \$40 per couple. Please send your aypal payment to: support@ thequeenco.com. Hotel accommodations are available for \$120 per night including tax at: Drury Inn Hotel, 6520 S. Lee Street, Morrow, GA 30260. Deadline to book your room is: Dec. 4, 2019. Please call: (770) 256-8856 for more information. Free breakfast and other amenities are available.

Sen. Sanders and Rep. Ocasio-Cortez roll out Green New Deal for Public Housing

by Nisa Islam Muhammad Staff Writer

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WASHINGTON—Senator Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.) and Representative Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-NY) recently introduced the Green New Deal for Public Housing Act, with public housing residents, affordable housing advocates, and climate change activists in front of the Capital.

"Faced with the global crisis of climate change, the United States must lead the world in transforming our energy system away from fossil fuel to sustainable energy," said Sen. Sanders. "But let us be clear: as Congresswoman Ocasio-Cortez understands, the Green New Deal is not just about climate change. It is an economic plan to create millions of good-paying jobs, strengthen our infrastructure, and invest in our country's frontline and vulnerable communities," he said.

"This bill shows that we can address our climate and affordable housing crises by making public housing a model of efficiency, sustainability and resiliency. Importantly, the working people who have been most impacted by decades of disinvestment in public housing will be empowered to lead this effort and share in the economic prosperity that it generates for our country," added the longtime senator and Democratic presidential candidate.

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Carrie Fuller, policy fellow with the Climate Justice Alliance, speaks at Nov. 14 press conference flanked by Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez about the Green New Deal for Public Housing Act. Photo: Nisa Islam Muhammad

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Carrie Fuller, a policy fellow with the Climate Justice Alliance, a group made up of over 70 member organizations, led by Black, Brown and indigenous people, told the crowd of about 100 in front of the Capital on Nov. 21 why she supports "The Green New Deal", for Public Housing.

"We believe in a world where public housing residents no longer live in the shadow of polluting industry. The front lines on environmental and climate justice can be the leaders of the clean and just regenerative economy of our future," said Ms. Fuller.

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Public housing costs would also be reduced by \$97 million per year, or 30 percent, and energy costs would be slashed by \$613 million, or 70 percent. "Climate change represents both a grave threat and a tremendous opportunity," said Rep. Ocasio-Cortez. "The Green New Deal for Public Housing Act will train and mobilize the workforce to decarbonize the public housing stock and improve the quality of life for all residents. I am proud to begin the hard work

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will lead the decision-making process for these investments and receive jobs training for the newly created jobs from this legislation. The bill is co-sponsored in the Senate by Sen. Jeff Merkley (D-OR) and Sen. Elizabeth Warren (D-MA) and endorsed by more than 50 organizations.

"Living in public housing has always had a bad reputation," said Lakisha Taylor, co-founder of New York's Isaac Homes Tenant Coalition. "There are drugs, there is violence, and to some people—first of all—poor people. We are not poor. Growing up in public housing, I had people who watched over me. I had two parents who paid the bills to put food on the table. What I didn't have was a stable, accountable management authority system that took care of my living environment so I wouldn't have fear about the building crumbling down or the health of my children," said Ms. Taylor.

"This bill will change that," she added. "The Green New Deal is NYCHA's (New York City Housing Authority) residents hope for a brighter future. It will bring back the power to the tenants, improve our living conditions, develop economic opportunities and create true affordable housing. This is what we are looking for. We need a new future, a new NYCHA that is going to be economically affordable and new buildings for new people."

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The legislation also provides funding to electrify all buildings, add solar panels, and secure renewable energy sources for all public housing energy needs. The bill dramatically improves living conditions for nearly two million people living in roughly one million public homes.

According to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), 40 percent of public housing units are headed by a person 65 years old or older, most of whom live alone (88 percent). Households with children comprise 43 percent of public housing. A slight majority of these families (56 percent) are single-parent households.

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Close to 40 percent of total U.S. energy consumption comes from residential and commercial buildings. The Green New Deal for Public Housing Act will offer weatherization, retrofitting, and renewable energy, making properties more cost effective and attractive throughout the country.

The legislation is expected to create nearly 250,000 good-paying union jobs per year across the country while reducing carbon emissions

to the equivalent of taking 1.2 million cars off the road over the next 10 years.

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"For almost two decades, the United States has pointed abroad at countries who are exporters of extreme ideology," Russell Travers, acting director of the National Counterterrorism Center, told an audience in Washington, D.C.

"We are now being seen as the exporter of white supremacist ideology. That's a reality with which we are going to have to deal," he said.

Mr. Travers said there is now a global movement of what he termed "racially motivated violent extremism," or RMVE (pronounced "rem-vee"), fueled by a wide variety of motivations and facilitated by social media and other forms of internet communications.

"A large percentage of RMVE attackers in recent years have either displayed outreach to like-minded individuals or groups or referenced early attackers as sources of inspiration," he said.

Mr. Travers cited as examples Dylann Roof, an American White supremacist who killed nine African Americans in a church in Charleston, South Carolina; Brenton Tarrant, who killed 51 people in attacks on two mosques in New Zealand in March; and Anders Breivik, who killed 77 people in two attacks in Norway in 2011.

The three attackers "have gained international reverence and are serving as an inspiration" for many like-minded White supremacists, "including those looking to plan or conduct attacks," he said.

After spending years of fighting wars in the Middle East, U.S. counterterrorism officials are struggling to counter the growing White supremacist threat in the U.S., according to Mr. Travers.

Many observers say U.S. President Donald Trump's divisive rhetoric has worsened race relations in the country since his election in 2016.

Since his election, polling has shown Americans wary of Mr. Trump when it comes to race. In January, a CBS News poll found nearly 6 in 10 Americans saying race relations in the country are generally bad.

Similarly, about 60 percent of Americans considered Mr. Trump's actions to be bad for Hispanics and Muslims, and about half said they were bad for African Americans, according to a February 2018 poll from The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research. (*PressTV.com*)

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particularly college students, to go to graduate school for opportunities in industry as well as understanding the skills it takes to be a scientist to go on into a career in research," he added. Conferences like these are a place students can see people who are successful educators, leaders and business people in their STEM fields.

"That's the value in conferences like NOBCChE as well as other minority technical organizations like the National Society of Black Engineers and the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers, SACNAS (Society for Advancement of Chicanos/Hispanics and Native Americans in Science)," explained Dr. McCrary.

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"We do know that there are a lot of obstacles out there but through other organizations such as ours in collaboration with other programs such as ACS (American Chemical Society), we can overcome a lot of those hurdles," he said. "People that are here, businesses, industry, government agencies that are here and show the up and coming scientists, chemists and engineers that there are people out here that care and that there is always

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According to the 2019 March issue of the National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics, federal science and engineering obligations to academic institutions increased by two percent. But support to HBCUs declined 17 percent. The report stated that in fiscal year 2017 federal agencies earmarked \$32.4 billion to institutions of higher education in support of science and engineering up two percent from \$31.6 billion from the previous year. Funding for research and development to universities and colleges increased four percent to \$29.8 billion. However, the support for HBCUs has declined three years in a row to \$308 million. These are staggering numbers and as Dr. Shepard said, "HBCUs



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"I've been a member of NOBCChE since 2008, and it is a beacon of diversity and dedication to the scientific enterprise. Because of that it fulfills a vital function that corresponds to the national need and to a cultural imperative. This country has a great richness of talent and experience. But it also has a need to continue progressing in science and technology, especially in the chemical science," said Dr. J.V. Ortiz, a former board member.

Dr. Murrell Godfrey is the current president and has been with the organization since 1999 and founded the local chapter at the University of Mississippi. Dr. Godfrey spoke candidly about the role the organization plays in the lives of future STEM students.

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Since 1974 the group has had 12 presidents, eight men and four women. Marquita M. Qualls, Ph.D., one of the former presidents shared a historical perspective of the value of the organization.

"This is an organization that has historically been able to have at least three generations of mentoring going on at one time. When you come to a NOBCChE conference, you'll have high school students who are participating in the Science Goals Science Fair, college and graduate students who are participating and really learning how to be a professional and starting their career in the sciences. Then you have the

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Safiyah Muhammad, a member of the Nation of Islam attends the University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign. She is a chemistry major and working toward her Ph.D. Ms. Muhammad travels every year to the conference because to her it's like family.

"I love this conference, because it really is a community. You come back every year and you see the same faces and you see people progress through their degree and you also get to meet new and upcoming people and inspire them," she said.

"It's great to see so many Black people in these fields and to know that there's really greatness among us and that we're doing big things. Even though we're so spread out, it's kind of like a family reunion," she said. For more information on NOBCChE, visit www.NOBCChE.org.



Dr. Conrad Worrill Photos: Haroon Rajaee



Attorney Roger Wareham of the December 12th Movement



New York Assemblyman Charles Barron



Nov. 9 reparations symposium held at Malcolm X College in Chicago.

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At Final Call presstime, Evanston aldermen were scheduled to give final approval to a 2020 city budget that includes creating a new reparations fund, reported evanstonnow.com. A three-member aldermanic subcommittee had yet to present a report on how money in the fund designed to provide reparations for slavery, redlining and other forms of discrimination against Blacks, would be spent, the website reported.

The cannabis tax wouldn't go into effect until July but is anticipated to yield \$250,000 in revenue in 2020 with the \$10 million reparations goal to be funded over the next decade from private contributions to the fund from businesses and individuals to supplement the tax revenue, noted evanstonnow.com.

Other states like New York, California, New Jersey and Pennsylvania have begun to draft their own legislations to remit the harm caused by decades of chattel slavery and the subsequent forms it took once Abraham Lincoln abolished it in 1863.

This country's racialized policies may have come from Capitol Hill, but the harms of those policies played out differently at the state level, said Kamm Howard, of the National Coalition of Blacks for Reparations in America. N'COBRA is a coalition of



Vetress Boyce, chair of WW Progressive Activist Zakiyah Muhammad Political Action Committee and businessman Willie Wilson.

economic disinvestments, higher crime rates, low homeownership and a widening wealth gap recognize these maladies are "rooted in those historical periods of harm," Mr. Howard added. To redress that, he said, states "cannot do that with race-neutral public poli-

"It has been many studies over decades that show that race neutral public policy does not reduce these gaps among these racial lines, but it has to be targeted legislation," he said. "The only targeted legislation that would address all of these areas is reparations."

The topic of reparations is not new. The late Michigan Congressman John Convers first broached the subject 124 years after slavery ended. In 1989 he introduced the first bill to study slavery's repercussions. It gained no traction on Capitol Hill prompting Mr. Conyers to constantly reintroduce the bill until he resigned in 2017.

The 2001 World Conference Against Racism held in Durban, South Africa, reignited the debate when it declared the TransAtlantic Slave Trade a

But Congress' inaction on the measure shows that local governments should take up the charge, said New York Assemblyman Charles Barron, who spoke at the symposium. He too introduced a bill in the New York state legislature establishing a community-led commission to study possible forms of reparations. Mr. Barron noted that throughout Barack Obama's presidency, Democrats controlled the Senate, later the House and Mr. Conyers headed the committee overseeing his reparations bill and nothing happened.

"You had a chance to do it when you had power with a Black president and didn't do it," Mr. Barron said. "Now you come to 2019 and the Democrats are having a hearing in Washington on reparations with a Republican Senate and a madman in the White House. Don't go for the okey-doke. Don't go for it. They have no intentions of seriously taking reparations on."

Ald. Sawyer introduced his resolution in September tasking the city council's Health and Human Relations committee to draft an ordinance to

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Marlon Watson, a member of ADOS Chicago supports reparations, but says the pan-Africanist approach casts too wide a net and includes people with no direct connection to American slavery. People, he said, harmed through slavery in another country should seek their redress there. The Japanese and the Jews got reparations from the countries that harmed them, he said, adding that Black Americans are an ethnicity germane only to this

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aldermen were scheduled to give final approval to a 2020 city budget that includes creating a new reparations fund, reported evanstonnow.com. A three-member aldermanic subcommittee had yet to present a report on how money in the fund designed to provide reparations for slavery, redlining and other forms of discrimination against Blacks, would be spent, the website reported.

The cannabis tax wouldn't go into effect until July but is anticipated to yield \$250,000 in revenue in 2020 with the \$10 million reparations goal to be funded over the next decade from private contributions to the fund from businesses and individuals to supplement the tax revenue, noted evanstonnow.com.

Other states like New York, California, New Jersey and Pennsylvania have begun to draft their own legislations to remit the harm caused by decades of chattel slavery and the subsequent forms it took once Abraham Lincoln abolished it in 1863.

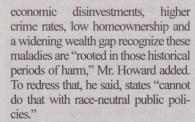
This country's racialized policies may have come from Capitol Hill, but the harms of those policies played out differently at the state level, said Kamm Howard, of the National Coalition of Blacks for Reparations in America. N'COBRA is a coalition of organizations and individuals advocating for reparations for African slave descendants in the U.S. The group is helping Ald. Sawyer formulate the reparations ordinance based on standards of international norms of repair.

"Jim Crow was everywhere in America. It was not just in the South. It was in the North and it showed itself in different ways all round," said Mr. Howard, N'COBRA's national cochair.

States, he said, had the responsibility to equitably allocate federal resources, but often those dollars did not make it to communities of African descent. States with large Black populations suffering poor educational outcomes,



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"It has been many studies over decades that show that race neutral public policy does not reduce these gaps among these racial lines, but it has to be targeted legislation," he said. "The only targeted legislation that would address all of these areas is reparations."

The topic of reparations is not new. The late Michigan Congressman John Conyers first broached the subject 124 years after slavery ended. In 1989 he introduced the first bill to study slavery's repercussions. It gained no traction on Capitol Hill prompting Mr. Convers to constantly reintroduce the bill until he resigned in 2017.

The 2001 World Conference Against Racism held in Durban, South Africa, reignited the debate when it declared the TransAtlantic Slave Trade a crime against humanity. That sparked laws or ordinances throughout the U.S., including in Chicago mandating companies seeking municipal business to disclose profits from their ties to slavery. And in 2016, a United Nations' special rapporteur on People of African Descent propelled the issues further when it concluded that the U.S. owes reparations for refusing to address its long festering history of racial terrorism.

Now with new momentum Texas Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee reintroduced Conyers' legislation and held a hearing on it earlier this year. And, it has become central to the 2020 Democratic presidential election.



But Congress' inaction on the measure shows that local governments should take up the charge, said New York Assemblyman Charles Barron, who spoke at the symposium. He too introduced a bill in the New York state legislature establishing a community-led commission to study possible forms of reparations. Mr. Barron noted that throughout Barack Obama's presidency, Democrats controlled the Senate, later the House and Mr. Conyers headed the committee overseeing his reparations bill and nothing happened.

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Those components include restitutions of stolen lands, funds for cooperative business development, health and wellness resources, civilian police accountability councils, tax exemptions, financial payments and affordable housing among others. One of the tenets of reparations is that the repair must wipe out all consequences of the would be at the local level. He plans to hold more meetings on the city's reparations resolution, which has support from millionaire Willie Wilson, who ran twice for Chicago mayor.

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While a consensus exists that reparations are owned, disagreements arose at the symposium as to which slave descendants should reap the benefits including Puerto Ricans of African descent. Puerto Rico was colonized by Spain before it became a U.S. territory in 1898. Members of the American Descendents of Slavery in attendance contend it should be direct descendants of slaves brought to the U.S. Others say it should be any descendants of African slavery.

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Conrad Worrill, chairman emeritus of National Black United Fund. understand the concerns raised at the symposium, but added the event wanted to get different voices in the room to start a constructive dialogue. Education, he said must be part of the discussion because there is "a disconnect" about the local, national and global reparations movement. A division among Black people about who gets reparations could hinder that movement, the longtime reparations advocate and activist pointed

"We are all Black people," Mr. Worrill said. "We just came over in different ways and ended up in different ports."

Debate

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They're not, Ms. Taylor said, because the Democratic establishment continues to cling to the misguided belief that attracting the White working class and Reagan Democrats back to the party is a winning strategy.

"People of color show up but instead of acknowledging this group, Democrats have moved in the opposite direction," said Ms. Taylor. "In some ways it's weird but it's predicated on fear. The idea exists that the only way White people can survive and thrive is by oppressing others. Some level of that has always been engrained in America."

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Dr. Gamble also faulted the Democratic Party for reaching backwards for Reagan Democrats and wished aloud that more Democrats would take former Georgia gubernatorial candidate Stacey Abrams' political tack and adjust to the current political climate where Republicans are doing whatever they need to stay in power, while Democrats call for politeness, civility and unity.

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"White political operatives came to us, but they have their own agenda. We're just doing our own thing. We started the Women of Color Initiative and have been touring and having listening sessions. At the end of the day, we'll develop our own agenda, develop our shared collective vision," she said.

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"We registered 24,000 people in 2019 and 8,000 in 2017," said Ms. Atkins, a member of the State Voices National Network of Tables. "When I knock on doors as a part of these grassroots programs, people aren't demoralized. People are definitely engaged. They have a deeper curiosity and make the

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Dr. Campbell said the Democratic Party must focus on diversity and inclusion, invest in the organizations and leadership and continue to hire Black staffers who are self-assured in their Blackness and their expertise. Ms. Taylor and Ms. Atkins spoke of the need to learn the lessons from the past and put a laser focus on local and municipal elections.

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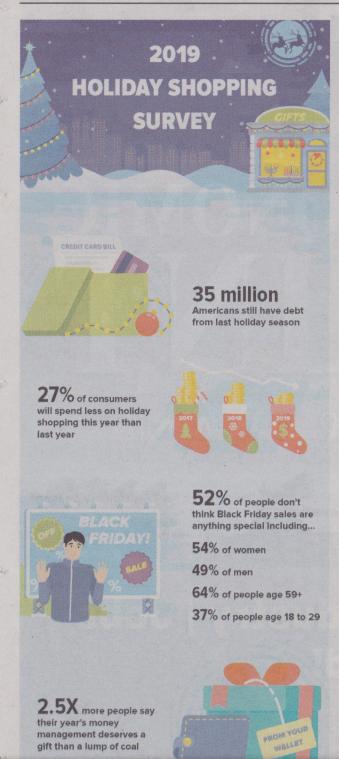
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Last year, Minister Farrakhan called on Blacks to be kind and loving to each other; to be the gift, instead of spending money on children and giving the credit to a mythical Caucasian. "Let love break out in the ghetto," said Minister Farrakhan, as he offered an alternative Holiday approach that reflected the Holy Quran's 107th Chapter, "Acts of Kindness."

"I thought it was prophetic, providential ... As we know, God always calls his prophets to a place of warning the people before devastation comes," said Pastor Dinah Tatman of St. John African Episcopal Church in Kennett, Mo., and CEO-founder of Greater New Visions Ministries, Inc. of Minister Farrakhan's call.

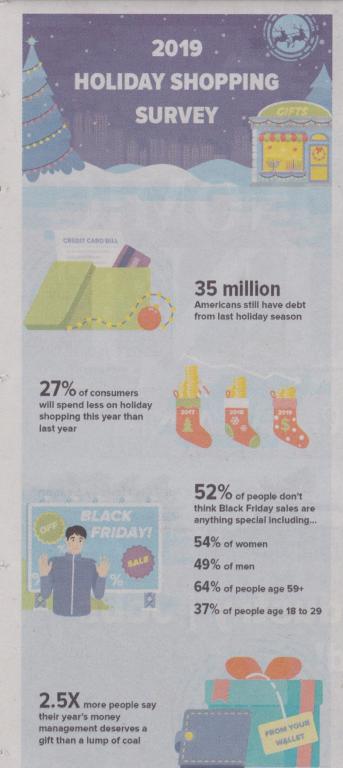
It came in a timely manner, said Rev. Tatman, also co-convener of "No Justice, No Profit" boycott.

She started the campaign with other leaders in St. Louis to not

only boycott businesses, including Target, US Bank, Burger King, Shell, Schnucks grocery chain, Gap, Inc., Goldman Sachs, and the St. Louis Galleria Mall, but to encourage Blacks to spend with one another. "I recognized that if Black people withheld our money, we could get anything we want," said Pastor Tatman.

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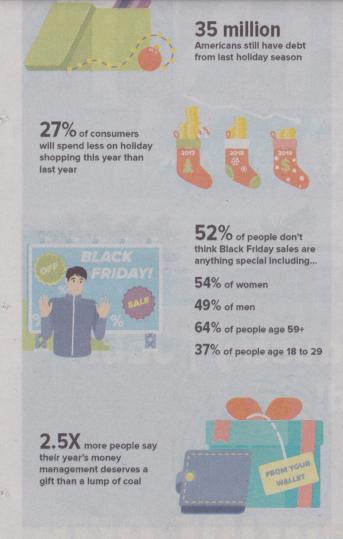
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Beyond dangers faced by Blacks, holiday stress is affecting people across America. According to a November Bankrate.com survey, "More than 6 out of 10 people told Bankrate they feel pressure to overspend on either presents, travel, social outings or charitable donations during the holiday season."

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"Consumers are expected to spend almost \$1,048 on average during the 2019 holiday season, according to the National Retail Federation, a rise of 4 percent from last year. The national trade organization forecasts holiday retail sales during November and December reaching a total of \$727.9 billion to \$730.7 billion," said Bankrate.com.

Sixteen percent of those surveyed by Bankrate.com said they were considering "skipping or boycotting gifts altogether."

Most people (31 percent) told Bankrate they start worrying

about holiday costs in November as the holiday displays start to go up and Black Friday appeals bombard everyone. Twenty-three percent of respondents worry about how much the holidays will cost in October, while 20 percent of people don't start stressing until December.

"The end of the year can be a tricky financial time for families even before considering holiday costs. Colder temps often mean higher heating or energy bills or expenses to winterize

cars and homes. Charities and other programs help some families struggling to juggle end-of-year expenses," Bankrate.com observed.

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"If we can recognize the power that we have, and use it, and stop begging, kings and queens don't beg. Yet we beg the masters to take care of us when we take care of everybody else, except for us. When we recognize us, things will change. So, I love Brother Minister Farrakhan, because he's not afraid to stand on the greatness, and the justice, and the righteousness of God and speak what God has told him to speak unabashedly, and not be afraid," stated Pastor Tatman.

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Sears, Kmart, Party City, Walgreens, and Barneys are among the retailers that recently announced store closings. Forever 21 expects to close 350 stores globally, including 178 in the U.S. after filing for bankruptcy. Sears planned to close 175 stores, and Walmart is closing at least 17 stores across the U.S. and Canada.

"Anybody who would just do their research since 2015 and go back and look at Minister Farrakhan's Saviours' Day address in 2016, he laid out the stats during his message, and it has only increased since them," said Jesse Muhammad, social media director for Minister Farrakhan. "That's one thing that can't be overlooked ... and it has not stopped."

Big box stores including Sam's Club and Walmart reported closures, as well as everything from vitamin and health stores, to cookware stores, children's clothing and toy stores, and electronics stores.

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32%

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What The Muslims Want

This is the question asked most frequently by both the Whites and the Blacks. The answers to this question I shall state as simply as possible.

- 1. We want freedom. We want a full and complete freedom.
- 2. We want justice. Equal justice under the law. We want justice applied equally to all, regardless of creed or class or color.
- 3. We want equality of opportunity. We want equal membership in society with the best in civilized society.
- 4. We want our people in America whose parents or grandparents were descendants from slaves, to be allowed to establish a separate state or territory of their own—either on this continent or elsewhere. We believe that our former slave masters are obligated to provide such land and that the area must be fertile and minerally rich. We believe that our former slave masters are obligated to maintain and supply our needs in this separate territory for the next 20 to 25 years—until we are able to produce and supply our own needs.

Since we cannot get along with them in peace and equality, after giving them 400 years of our sweat and blood and receiving in return some of the worst treatment human beings have ever experienced, we believe our contributions to this land and the suffering forced upon us by White America, justifies our demand for complete separation in a state or territory of our own.

5. We want freedom for all Believers of Islam now held in federal prisons. We want freedom for all Black men and women now under death sentence in innumerable prisons in the North as well as the South.

We want every Black man and woman to have the freedom to accept or reject being separated from the slave master's children and establish a land of their own.

We know that the above plan for the solution of the Black and White conflict is the best and only answer to the problem between two people.

6. We want an immediate end to the police brutality and mob attacks against the so-called Negro throughout the United States.

We believe that the Federal government should intercede to see that Black men and women tried in White courts receive justice in accordance with the laws of the land—or allow us to build a new nation for ourselves, dedicated to justice, freedom and liberty.

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Furthermore, we believe we are the people of God's choice, as it has been written, that God would choose the rejected and the despised. We can find no other persons fitting this description in these last days more than the so-called Negroes in America. We believe in the resurrection of the righteous.

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We recognize and respect American citizens as independent peoples and we respect their laws which govern this nation.

9. WE BELIEVE that the offer of integration is hypocritical and is made by those who are trying to deceive the Black peoples into believing that their 400-year-old open enemies of freedom, justice and equality are, all of a sudden, their "friends." Furthermore, we believe that such deception is intended to prevent Black people from realizing that the time in history has arrived for the separation from the Whites of this nation.

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We do not believe that America will ever be able to furnish enough jobs for her own millions of unemployed, in addition to jobs for the 20,000,000 Black people as well.

10. WE BELIEVE that we who declare ourselves to be righteous Muslims, should not participate in wars which take the lives of humans. We do not believe this nation should force us to take part in such wars, for we have nothing to gain from it unless America agrees to give us the necessary territory wherein we may have something to fight for.

11. WE BELIEVE our women should be respected and protected as the women of other nationalities are respected and protected.

12. WE BELIEVE that Allah (God) appeared in the Person of Master W. Fard Muhammad, July, 1930; the long-awaited "Messiah" of the Christians and the "Mahdi" of the Muslims.

We believe further and lastly that Allah is God and besides HIM there is no God and He will bring about a universal government of peace wherein we all can live in peace together.

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